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that construction should begin within six months after the letter was written. Therefore, he made a suggestion to the project engineer to go ahead and ask for an extension.

"This is the largest grant by the USDA ever, and I encourage all Coffee County citizens to get involved," said Wise. "I think it's very worthwhile."

The meeting seemed to heat up a bit as the county administrator, Wilson Mobley, presented commissioners with several items of business to discuss and handle.

There definitely were some differing opinions concerning the first item Mobley brought to the commission.

Mobley said a letter had been sent to banks requesting proposals for interest rates on deposits and interest rates on loans as the county's depository is up for renewal.

The four banks responding to the county's request included Regions Bank of Enterprise, The Peoples Bank of Elba, Colonial Bank of Enterprise and CB&T of Enterprise.

However, the controversy among commissioners surrounded the proposals from The Peoples Bank of Elba, which currently holds the depository, and CB&T of Enterprise.

The Peoples Bank of Elba proposed an interest rate on deposits at 4.125 percent and an interest rate on loans at 4.6 percent for the entire year.

CB&T of Enterprise proposed an interest rate on deposits at 3.91 percent and an interest rate on loans at 1/2 of the loan percentage. A bank representative present for the commission meeting said the interest rate on loans at the figure proposed would currently be 3.25 percent.

Colonial Bank of Enterprise had sent their proposal in a different format than the other banks and Regions Bank of Enterprise indicated that it was unable to submit a proposal due to lack of information.

Therefore, Commissioner Bernest Brooks made a motion to table the matter until the county administrator could calculate the figures. His motion received a second from Commission Chairperson Linda Westbrook. However, after some discussion, Brooks withdrew his motion before commissioners voted on it.

Then, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion to accept the proposal from The Peoples Bank of Elba as the county's depository. He received a second from Westbrook.

Commissioner Jim Thompson, however, said he felt the matter should still be tabled and Stephens should also rescind his motion.

At that point, there was some confusion as to whether The Peoples Bank had provided a proposal for interest rates on loans, and some commissioners felt that CB&T was the only bank with a qualified proposal. The confusion was soon cleared up when the chairman realized that the figure had been overlooked, and the controversy returned to the two banks.

Stephens expressed his concern for the county employees that would be traveling to Enterprise to make deposits if the proposal from CB&T was accepted when The Peoples Bank has a branch in New Brockton. He also talked about the money the travel would cost the county.

Thompson, on the other hand, expressed his differing opinion by saying, "that is the worst excuse for a reason I have ever heard."

When Stephens motion finally came to a vote, only he and Commissioner Kayo Lewis voted for it.

Then, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion to accept the proposal from CB&T of Enterprise with Commissioner Tom Grimsley offering the second.

This motion passed with commissioners Brooks, Grimsley, Thompson and Dalrymple voting for it, and commissioners Lewis and Stephens voting against it. Commissioner Westbrook abstained.

The focus of the commission then turned to the Fiscal Year 2002 budget.

"The county commission has an awesome responsibility to spend the county revenues," Mobley said before presenting the budget. "The commissioners are faced with trying to look at the big picture and every department may not always get all the money they ask for."

Mobley presented the proposed budget with total revenues of $11,740,925 to the commission. He said this was a balanced budget which includes a 2-step raise for all county employees.

Commissioner Stephens then made a proposal that the money generated from the additional $5 the county jail has been charging municipalities to house their inmates (approximately $31,000) be divided among the jail employees and sheriff's department employees as a raise, along with the 2-step raise already in the budget.

The motion received a second from Commissioner Brooks.

"We didn't help the sheriff's department, the maintenance man only asked for one thing and we didn't help the junior college one dime," said Commissioner Lewis. "I've been here five years and I have never voted against the budget, but I want to vote against this one."

Lewis then made an amendment to Stephens' motion to add the maintenance department along with the jail employees and sheriff's department.

The amendment failed to pass with only Lewis, Brooks and Westbrook voting for it.

The commissioners then voted on Stephens' motion, and it too failed to pass with only Stephens, Westbrook and Brooks voting in favor.

Commissioner Dalrymple then made a motion to accept the budget as presented. His motion received a second by Commissioner Grimsley.

The budget was approved by the commission with Stephens, Dalrymple, Thompson and Grimsley voting in favor. Commissioner Lewis cast the lone opposing vote with Westbrook abstaining.

On a lighter note, Commissioner Brooks announced that he recently had the honor of nominating Sandra Coffey of the Coffee County Extension Agency to the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

He said she will be inducted into the hall of fame on Sunday, Sept. 23.

"Mrs. Coffey has really served the senior citizens of Coffee County well," said Brooks.

In other business, the commission:

*Received an update from Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates concerning the maintenance of the county jail. Moates said the jail is still experiencing a water leakage problem in the roof. Also, he said the interior of the jail is being repainted with the county using inmate labor. Moates said this is the first time the jail has been repainted since it was built.

*Authorized the county engineer to request bids on all of the county's annual bids.

The Coffee County Commission will hold its next meeting on Monday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room at the County Complex in New Brockton.

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ing the month of August: one for speeding, four for DUI, one for no driver's license, three for a suspended license, one for reckless driving, one for improper lights, two for running a stop sign/light, one for passing in a no passing zone and one for driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

He also said the department investigated the following: one accident, one assault, three thefts of property, nine domestic violence, one arrest on warrants, three harassments, one dog bite, one reckless endangerment, one possession of a controlled substance, one possession of a forged instrument, eight assists to the county or state, one found property, three criminal mischiefs, one disorderly conduct, one recovered stolen property and one juvenile case.

Gilbert said the fire department responded to one grass fire and one wreck during the month, and the animal control officer collected 16 dogs.

In other business, the council:

*Voted to increase the garbage rate for the Town of New Brockton by $1.

*Approved the FY2002 budget. Cole said the budget was about $12,000 more than for the previous year.

*Approved the paying of the monthly bills.

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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

This is not God's punishment

The horrors of the past week are slowly seeping into our minds as Americans find it awfully hard to accept that such terrible things could happen anywhere, particularly in our great and freedom loving country.

Contrary to the public comments of two nationally known religious leaders, who consistently indicate they have a more direct relationship and understanding with Heaven than most of us, God didn't do this devilish deed to America, evil did it. Evil killed all those people . . . it was not God's punishment nor abandonment.

The God we worship is a loving God, full of Love and Grace. The Holy Bible is loaded with references to his love for us. It is there every day for those who choose to see and believe it. He will forever and ever wrap his arms around the souls of the innocent people who died Tuesday and continue to shelter each of us left here to carry on with life as He created us to do.

God gives each of us as individuals the unique ability to make moral decisions and encourages us to follow in His path. People whose minds are filled with evil and hatred or those who are weak and/or don't know and understand God's Love and Grace are prime targets to be filled with devilish thoughts. It is them that evil sends in under cover of the open arms of a liberty hard won and long cherished. It is them that evil sends in through our deep and abiding love and respect for our fellow humans of all religions, races and walks of life. It is them that evil sends in to destroy innocent people and the good things of civilization God has created through us.

America will survive. In spite of what is still an unfolding tragedy, individual liberty and good will survive and continue to grow stronger - to even consider curtailing it is unthinkable and would acknowledge evil is winning. The citizens of this country have in the past repeatedly shown the resolute for survival and that determination is evident on every street corner, in every factory and on every farm today. This fact will become more and more apparent in the coming days, weeks and months. Think back to our founding fathers and the many trials they faced and those trials faced by the generations which have followed. Evil may have made a fatal mistake this time. History records that at the onset of WWII the German war machine at first just wanted to stop us from shipping critical supplies to England and Russia. The Japanese military leaders were equally upset because America had cut off the oil supplies they needed for their ongoing war with China. The two of them stirred the giant into a united action . . . . . evil has apparently made that same fatal mistake.

If it is His Will we will stamp out, forever and always, the evil of this world that caused the destruction and deaths of so many of our fellow citizens in New York and Washington D.C. on the morning of September 11th, 2001.

Let His Will be done.

Elba Schools plan to borrow funds to finish this fiscal year

by **Ferrin Cox**, Publisher

The Elba City School Board meeting this month was brief and to the point. The school system is broke. Dr. Lance K. Dyess conducted the meeting in the absence of the chairman.

Superintendent Danny Weeks told board members he expects to have to borrow money to close out the school year at the end of September. Mr. Weeks explained that he didn't know yet how much the schools would need to borrow but those numbers are expected to become clearer as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

The financial statement presented to board members clearly showed the schools with some funds having negative balances. Mr. Weeks said it is illegal to end the year with negative balances, thus the necessary borrowing.

The school system has depended heavily on funds transferred from capital funds and text book allocations to cover shortfalls in transfers of state education trust funds during this time of state proration.

It was also noted that the Child Nutrition Fund balance has dropped back into normal range as necessary purchases, (and other expenses) were made in and for the lunchrooms.

In business other than studying the financial statement and plans, the board approved continuing the D.A.R.E. program, the Youth Leadership Program, After School program and heard a report on a proposed "Making Academics Count" program which is being considered for putting into place countywide.

Elba joins in prayer for nation

MINISTERS LEAD SERVICE... The Elba Ministerial Association brought the people of Elba together in prayer on Wednesday evening, Sept. 12, following Tuesday's tragic terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. As the whole nation mourned, the people of Elba joined others across the land in asking God for his help in dealing with the ordeal and blessing those who were more closely affected by the attacks. The people gathered again on Friday, Sept. 14, at Noon for prayer as U.S. President George Bush declared the day as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the people of the country.

FOEPL comes to Elba Public Library

by **Linda Hodge**, Editor

BE A FOEPL

As part of a continued attempt to make people aware of the services of the library, the Elba Public Library created a new word recently...FOEPL.

Actually, FOEPL stands for Friends of Elba Public Library, which has become the latest campaign for the library as it continues to strive for growth.

"Friends of the Library" is made up of a group of people who are interested in the continued growth of the library while helping to expand the services of the library and make others aware of those services.

Elba Public Librarian Kay Wilson said Friends of the Library is a good program for anyone who wants to become involved with the library.

"We are trying to organize FOEPL right now," said Wilson. "So far we are getting a good response from the people."

However, Wilson said, the Friends of the Elba Public Library do not want FOEPL simply to be a campaign - they want it to be a campaign with a face so when a person sees or hears FOEPL he/she will know exactly what it is all about.

Therefore, she said the advanced art class at Elba Elementary School is currently participating in a contest to see who can create the image of FOEPL.

Once the FOEPL committee chooses a design that best fits the FOEPL campaign from the students' creations, Wilson said that design will become the official logo for the FOEPL campaign.

Then, the FOEPL campaign will be ready to begin its task of improving the services of the Elba Public Library.

However, Wilson said Friends of the Elba Public Library has already begun to help in that the group was able to secure the donation of three computers from Dorsey Trailers for the library. She said Dorsey is also planning to donate 300 tote bags.

According to Wilson, several other businesses are also planning to make donations to FOEPL.

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Coffee County Youth Leadership presents second class

by **Linda Hodge**, Editor

The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) presented the second class of students Monday evening, Sept. 17, that will participate in the program during the upcoming school year.

In what CCYLP committee members referred to as the best group of applicants they had ever seen, 26 students were named to participate in the program this year.

"There were 48 applicants this year," said committee member Kathy Sauer. "We originally planned to accept only 25 students, but we just couldn't do it. Based on the wonderful applications, we had to accept 26."

The CCYLP is limited to juniors and sophomores from all public, private and home schools within Coffee County (who are at least 15 years of age). Priority, however, is given to juniors.

Applicants must have a "C" average or better, permission from their parents/guardians, and approval from their high school principal.

A selection committee determines which students should be interviewed based on their applications. Then, the committee makes its selections by considering the quality of the applicant, as well as a need for balanced representation from throughout Coffee County.

Students wishing to participate in the program must already show leadership skills in school or community activities.

"Our thought is that the best way to help young people make good decisions is through leadership," said committee member Judy Crowley. "They (students) wouldn't be here if they didn't already have great leadership."

The students who will participate in the program this year include: Bart Barnes, Sheena Flowers, Jessica Hathcock, Blake Lambert, Courtney Pelham, DeAnn Smith and Kristy Ward, all of Elba High School; Elisabeth Farris, Ashley Johnson and Tasha Reeves, all of Kinston High School; Jody McCormick, Melanie McGlothren, Delora Moore and

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The Coffee County Youth Leadership program introduced its second class of students to participate with the program Monday evening, Sept. 17. These students will attend sessions throughout the year as they prepare to become better leaders of the community. Only one of the 26 students participating in the program this year was unable to attend the Monday night event.

Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Friday, Sept. 21, the Elba Tigers will be at home against Opp, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Cottonwood, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Florala and the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home against Ariton. The Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Southern Choctaw on Saturday, Sept. 22. Kickoff for all games will be 7:30 p.m.

BONFIRE PLANNED IN ELBA The citizens of Elba are invited to attend Elba's largest bonfire ever on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium. Everyone is invited to come out and support the Elba High football players, band and cheerleaders as they prepare for the first home game of the season on Friday, Sept. 21, where the Tigers will take on the Opp Bobcats.

COFFEE COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS MEETING The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will hold its first meeting of the 2001-2002 year on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the College Avenue Church of Christ in Enterprise at 5:30 p.m. All Coffee County retired teachers and school support personnel are invited to attend this Fall Fellowship honoring the 2001 retirees.

CHAMBER BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold it's annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School commons area. Dress for the event will be casual.

LIBRARY CANNED FOOD DRIVE The Elba Public Library is having a canned food drive Oct. 1-13 for the Wiregrass Food Bank. Pay overdue fines by bringing canned foods to the library. Three cans of food will pay off $5 in overdue fees.

NOTICE

The Elba Chamber of Commerce has moved from its location at the old Elba High School to the Elba Rescue Squad building. The office is located behind the Elba Fire Department on Yelverton Street. For more information, call 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The con artists have come out of the woodwork during the past week. Any time a person cons another out of money or goods, it is despicable, but with the country in the upheaval of the recent disasters, there is no punishment too harsh for such actions. The first to hit was of course the false appeal for funds to help the survivors. The age old advice that bears repeating is to donate only when you know the agency is legit ... Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc., and do that directly and not to someone who promises to "forward it on to them". One exception to the above " Brainstorm rule" would be the United Way. These folks are honorable and dedicated, and any money earmarked for the New York and/or Pentagon disasters will get there. In fact they have set up special funds just for this purpose.

Then there are the folks promoting the scare tactics by quoting some prophet. One floating around on e-mail, beginning last week, claims to quote the 16th century prophet **Nostradamus** with predictions of the World Trade Center attack and the beginning of WWIII. Well, followers of this old prophet will know some of the quote was from him, but it was spliced, diced and rearranged. The part about the twin sons in the town of York and WWIII were total fabrications by some nut with nothing better to do.

The above nuts are probably of the same mind set of the internet hackers who messed up some of the web sites set up to relay information about survivors following Tuesday's disasters. Again, for our mutual well being, don't dare let us know you had a part in any of the above.

Last week we began to feel upset that the flags were not displayed around the square in Elba by Thursday morning. We bit our tongue, remembering the fussing of *"you are trying to run the police department"* that echo back every time we just pass along your complaints about the police. We expressed our feelings by going ahead and putting out our flag anyway. This issue ended on a positive note when Mayor Grimes got involved (without any prompting except from within) and all the flags went up. Thanks!

We hope all our readers know that the terrorist acts of last Tuesday were engineered by what is reportedly some rogues - not people who were truly practicing the laws of the Islamic religion. That sort of thing is not taught by the Koran (their bible) and is not approved by the vast, vast majority of Muslims in America, nor in fact in the whole world. The Koran teaches love and actually is opposed to suicide - for any reason. We had a friend comment this week about "all those Arabs." We asked him if all Americans were guilty when Timothy McVeigh bombed the federal building in Oklahoma. Probably no minds were changed, but the direction of the conversation did go a different way.

One thing that has been confirmed to us during the past week. It has long been our opinion that the uproars in America (both in Washington and on the streets of America) during the past many years were because there were no real emergency concerns available. Following the disasters of the past week, our Congress has voted unanimously, or almost totally, for several necessary spending bills. The lawmakers have thrown party politics aside for what they perceive as doing something genuinely for the good of the country. We salute them for this timely display of unity and urge each of them to remember that the sun still came up the next morning, even when they voted with "those guys".

p.s. In case you have forgotten, the Alabama Legislature is in the closing days of their special session. But not to worry - we will survive them and their actions also.

America responds to terrorist attacks

by **Congressman Terry Everett**

Like the millions of other Americans who arrived at work last Tuesday morning ready for another day of normalcy, I was deeply shaken and in utter disbelief at the nightmarish events which unfolded before the nation's eyes in New York, Washington, D.C. and in rural Pennsylvania.

America was the victim of a direct and coordinated attack that is unprecedented in our country's history. Terrorist forces have declared all out war on the United States and the American people, and in response we must declare war on all terrorists regardless of what banner they fly, or what country in which they seek safe harbor.

The innocence of this nation has been shattered and our peoples peaceful way of life has been forever changed. My thoughts and prayers are with those injured, the families of the many who lost their lives in these attacks, including those from our own state of Alabama, and the brave Americans still desperately trying to recover the victims.

Last week, I visited the Pentagon to personally survey the damage and the progress of the ongoing rescue effort. It was a sobering scene with tons of wreckage and rubble flanked by the blackened walls of the proud building. A large American flag draped near the site of the destruction says it all - we will not surrender to terrorism!

In response to horrific injury, loss of life and destruction of our national institutions, the government and the people have rallied together to defend our country and our liberty. I am very proud of our President for his quick response to this national crisis, and I fully support and endorse all efforts now underway to track down and swiftly punish those responsible for these despicable acts against America and her citizens.

America's resolve has been put to the test like no other time in living memory. We must respond to these terrible acts of cowardice and evil with decisive and overwhelming military force to annihilate those who planned and ordered these attacks on innocent Americans.

Accordingly, last week the U.S. House of Representatives came together in unprecedented bipartisan unity and passed $40 billion in emergency supplemental funds to enable our President, our military, and our domestic security and emergency preparedness agencies to adequately respond to these tragic events as well as to root out the perpetrators.

America is the greatest nation in the history of the world, and its greatness will not be diminished by these unspeakable acts of terrorism and fear. To those who would seek to destroy our land, let me be clear. We will not only survive these attacks, but will become stronger in the process as citizens band together to show the world that Americans cannot and will not be defeated.

American people must rely on faith and patriotism

by **Linda Hodge**, Editor

I, like so many others, have watched in disbelief since last Tuesday morning, as we have received more and more information concerning the tragic terrorist attacks to the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

There is nothing more than sorrow that can be felt for all the people who are having to deal with this tragedy on a firsthand basis, however, the hope for these people as well as the rest of us is our faith.

We must rely on our faith in God and our faith in the nation to get us through this awful time.

Also, if possible, we must constantly strive to get things back to normal just to prove that no one or anything will bring us down.

I am proud to be an American, and I have really been proud to see that patriotism is alive and well in the people of this country. It may have taken a wake-up call to remind us of our heritage, but I believe the American people have definitely united over the past week and will work together as one to find a way to heal.

It will take some time, but through faith, we will find our way through this ordeal and be stronger because of it.

Chambe of Commerce is selling "Proud to be American" banners for $5.00

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 10, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one drug overdose, one harassment, one criminal mischief, one burglary, one D.U.I., one possession of marijuana and one criminal possession of a forged instrument.

The following arrests were made: one for receiving stolen property, one for D.U.I., and two for contributing to a minor.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for violation of the seat belt law, one for violation of the boom box ordinance, one for no tag, two for speeding, one for no driver's license, one for running a stop sign, one for suspended driver's license, two for an expired tag and two for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - Alarm activated at Elba MarketPlace (2:15 a.m.). River stage - 5.94 feet (6:35 a.m.). Disturbance reported at 123 Riverview (9:10 a.m.). Alarm activated at The Jewel Box (5:58 p.m.). Routine activity.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - River stage - 5.69 feet (6:14 a.m.). Civil disturbance (fighting) in progress reported at a residence in Riverview (9:42 p.m.). Prowler reported at 1225 Farris St. (11:51 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - River stage - 5.28 feet (6:17 a.m.). Alarm activated at 1105 Guyton St. (12:39 p.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on E. Davis St. (2:19 p.m.). Alarm activated at 810 North Claxton (7:08 p.m.). Routine activity.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - River stage - 4.68 feet (6:03 a.m.). Routine activity.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - River stage - 4.34 feet (6:16 a.m.). Minor wreck reported in front of The Dollar Bee Plus (3:57 p.m.). Disturbance reported at 1229 Caroline St. (5:33 p.m.). Routine activity.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - Alarm activated at The Jewel Box (5:11 a.m.). River stage - 3.94 feet (6:12 a.m.). Disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apartments (6:57 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 62 County Road 418 (4:21 p.m.). Routine activity.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - River stage - 3.27 feet (6:44 a.m.). Loud and excessive music reported on Cedar Lane Drive (6:14 p.m.). Alarm activated at 765 N. Claxton (6:25 p.m.). Minor wreck reported at car wash by Dorsey Trailers (7:49 p.m.). Routine activity.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 10, 2001, through September 16, 2001. They were: Jasper Dawson, Beverly Lindsey, Patricia Clark, Barbara Thompkins, Mamie McWaters, Thomas Spivey, Christopher Crocker, Seth Saum, Ruth Bryant, Pettie Lee Wambles, Minnie Matthews, Jessica Powell, Ronnie Parker, Annie Mack, Wanda Messick, Virginia Grantham, Evelyn Holliman and Kristy Dawson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were Evelyn Duncan, Lorene Killingsworth, Fannie Mack, Jasper Dawson, Clarence Green, Tracy Odom, Jimmy Johnson, Fannie Berry, Carol Harbuck, Hudson Ennis, Patricia Clark, Christopher Crocker, Mamie McWaters, Betty Thompson, Seth Saum, Sara Stinson, Thomas Spivey, Minnie Matthews, Beverly Lindsey, Pettie Lee Wambles, Jessica Powell, Ruth Bryant, Ronnie Parker, Kristy Dawson, Annie Mack and Evelyn Holliman.

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- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - 2nd Monday following city council meeting - City Hall
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- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
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FOEPL
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Wilson said the donations are made to FOEPL which in turn donates those items to the Elba Public Library.

"Funds generated by FOEPL are spent by that group in connection with the library needs," she said. "They handle their own funds."

Not only does Wilson believe FOEPL will be a wonderful fund-raising effort for the Elba Public Library, but she said she hopes it will help generate an ongoing volunteer program.

She said volunteers would free the staff of the library so they would be able to provide more services to the community and still be able to handle the everyday needs of the patrons.

Not only does FOEPL create awareness of the opportunities of the library, place attention on the library needs, enrich the cultural advantages available for the citizens and increase the library services, but most importantly, Wilson said, it maintains an association of persons interested in books and reading.

Wilson said she encourages anyone interested in being a FOEPL to stop by the Elba Public Library and check out its advantages.

CCYLP
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Joseph Sawyer, all of New Brockton High School; Allan Harrison and Brittany Thompson, both of Zion Chapel High School; Lanicia Arnwine, Shasta Brown, Michael Carter, Tiffany Cintron, Justin Filipowski, Megan Flinn, Hannah Holland, Crystal Reese, Jacob Swann and Jazzmine Toney, all of Enterprise High School.

These students will participate in six full day educational sessions, as well as complete a service project and attend other meetings.

CCYLP committee member Carolyn Sutley said the six sessions will include: a look at personality style, how agriculture impacts Coffee County, health care, community life, the legal system, and a trip to Montgomery to see firsthand how legislation affects Coffee County.

"From talking with the students who participated last year, they related to me that the program helped to give them more self-confidence and helped to improve their ability to speak to a group," said Lynn Weeks, Elba High School counselor and CCYLP committee member. "These are students with good ideas, and the program helps them learn to express their ideas instead of being afraid to speak out."

After all, the mission of the CCYLP is to prepare high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential to take active leadership roles in improving their homes, schools and communities.

Graduation for the students participating in this year's CCYLP will be April 8.

Dorsey sponsoring Sept. 20 bonfire

Dorsey Trailer Company is sponsoring Elba's Largest Bonfire at Miller Memorial Stadium, Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. The event is being held prior to Elba's first home game of the season.

Senior football players, cheerleaders and band members and their parents will be recognized.

Chriss Street, president of the Dorsey Trailer Company, will make a grand entrance dressed up and ready to cheer the Tigers to victory. He will also be throwing out Elba T-shirts to show Dorsey's support for the Elba Tigers.

DON'T FORGET
The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School commons area. Tickets are on sale.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ferrin,

Here I sit on this National Day of Prayer and am so thankful that we have a President who proclaims such a day. It's a sad day for our country, but I did notice that the first thing on the minds of many people was to pray. You know, I did not hear of a single individual, a judge or a court that ordered America not to have this day of prayer. Prayerfully, we will all keep our eyes in this direction.

God, bless America.
Freddie Pearce

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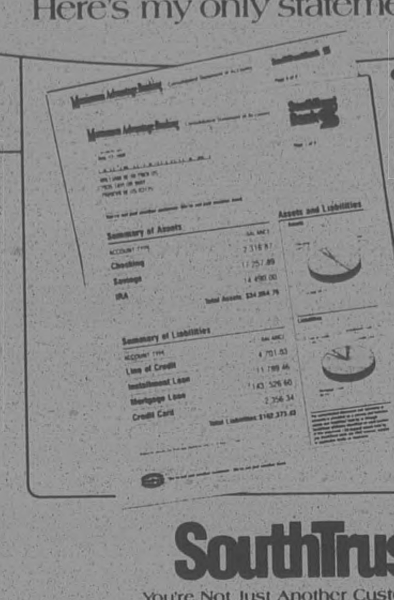

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

ARSEA To Meet

The Alabama Retired State Employees' Association (ARSEA) will have a district meeting for Pike, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw and Butler counties on Thursday, October 4, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, 306 East Academy Street, Troy, AL. All local government, public board and state retirees are invited.

Pleasant Ridge Church to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, September 23

Pleasant Ridge Church (near Victoria) is holding its annual homecoming and revival services. The homecoming service will be held Sunday, September 23, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. (plus "dinner on the grounds".) Bro. Hubert McWaters will be preaching from Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Mixon's Cross Roads. Revival services will be held September 24, 25, 27 and 28 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Buddy Hood of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church of Wicksburg, Ala. will be delivering the message. Music will be directed by Bro. Mark Donaldson of Westview Baptist Church in Enterprise. A gospel singing will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

Glenwood Assembly of God Church to enjoy Homecoming activities Sunday, Septmber 23

Glenwood Assembly of God Church (seven miles East of Enterprise) is celebrating its homecoming on September 23, 2001 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Brother David Mount. The Henderson family of Milton, Fl. will be singing. Lunch will be served, everyone is invited to attend.

Tole Painting being offered ESJC

Tole and Decorative Painting is such a popular special interest course, Enterprise State Junior College offers it each semester. For fall semester this course is scheduled for a second session on Thursdays, October 11-November 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m. The registration deadline is October 4. As always this course provides instruction for beginners and advanced painters. Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal. Students will learn how to prepare a project to be painted, how to select proper tools and materials, and how to use appropriate brush strokes. There is a $30.00 fee for this course. Students may bring their own supplies with them, or they may purchase supplies at the first class meeting. There could be a broad range in the cost of supplies. If students have some supplies, the cost could be as low as $30.00. If the student owns no supplies and needs to purchase everything, the cost could be as much as $60.00. Students must be at least twelve years old. The class is limited to 15. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church plans gospel singing to be held September 22

Vanderbilt Holiness Church (Coffee County Road 114, 1 mile past Wayne Farms Southland) is having a gospel singing, Saturday, September 22, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. Featuring "Higher Ground" from Troy, Ala. Everyone is welcome to attend for more information call (334)897-3778.

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT....?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

"Why Does God Allow Us To Suffer?"

-A Special Request

One thing we can know without a shadow of a doubt is that God does not cause us to suffer. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17)." Evil comes from the power of darkness, which is Satan who tempted man to sin in the Garden of Eden.

Could God have intervened and stopped those tragic events from happening on September 11, 2001? God is all powerful, so yes He does have the ability to stop evil from taking place, but if He did He would have to stop all tragedies from ever taking place for God is not a respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). In fact God did not stop the greatest tragedy from taking place, and that was when man sinned in the garden (Genesis 3), which required God to send His Son to this earth to die for our sins (Hebrews 2:9). Therefore God does not interfere with the free will of man. Man is allowed to make his own decision of whether he will do good or do evil. Unfortunately when man does evil others, who are innocent just as the victims of the tragic events on September 11, will suffer. God does not want man to suffer, and that is why we have the doctrine of His dear Son to follow, which teaches us to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:39) and do good unto all men (Galatians 6:10).

But we all will have to face suffering because sin entered into the world and death by sin (Romans 5:12). We who are Christians are able to rejoice when we fall into trials as James wrote: "My breathern, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience (James 1:2-3)." Our faith will grow stronger with every trial that we overcome, and the reason why a Christian is able to rejoice even through suffering is because of the hope of the reward that awaits him (James 1:12). God does allow us to suffer, but because of His grace and His great love for us we will have a home in heaven when we overcome our sufferings.

-Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: **"Questions and Answers,"** c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36323. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Bible classes begin on Sunday mornings at 9:00, worship at 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

The Singing Echoes to be in concert at Jack Assembly of God

The Singing Echoes will be in concert on Friday, September 21, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at Jack Assembly of God (County Road 208).

Homecoming planned at Holloway Assembly of God, September 23

Holloway Tabernacle Assembly of God's (Damascus Road) annual homecoming will be held on September 23, 2001. Singing will be at 10:30. The message will be by Billy Joe Glover at 11:30. Dinner will be at 1:00. There will be no afternoon service. For more information call 894-8139.

Dixie Echos to sing Saturday, Oct. 13 in Andalusia at 7 p.m.

An evening with the Dixie Echoes and Praise Four, Saturday night October 13th at the Kiwanis Community Building in Andalusia, Ala. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. Admission at the door. BBQ plates and concessions by the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of the Straughn Community will be available. The plates will be ready for take out at 5:00 p.m.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2004

Scripture: **Luke 9:1-9**

***Thinking of you, praying for you: The Edom Family, Lela Tyson, Collis Belcher, Evelyn Manning, Lizzie McDonald, Mitchell, Cynthia, and Jessica Pearson, Rev. Roderick Rideaux, Janie M. Kelley, Annie M. Coone, Mattie Belcher, Johnnie Belcher, Lovie Hooks, Mertie L. Daniels.

Poem

We Need God's Peace

God's Amazing Grace
Is with us in all our pain
Thank God for His presence
In His peace we will remain

Let our lives count for something
God's love takes us as we are
So make yourselves available to Him
We'll have peace forever more

Beneath all our trials and tribulations
Let God's healing waters flow
We'll find peace at the rivers
And trust Him more and more

When we move into the spiritual house
God has built for us
We'll have a home, we'll be with God
Where there is peace, peace, God's peace

Composed by Eria Lindsey Belcher

***The Rocky Head MB Church Matrons, Elba and Shiloh MB Matrons Brundidge, Ala (Tarentum Community) will host a Matron's Banquet Saturday, Sept. 22, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor.

***The Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church Matrons Department will celebrate Matron's Day Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001 at 2:30 p.m.

***The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymens Union will convene with the New Mount Pleasant MB Church Linwood, Ala. Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001. Rev. Judge Groom, pastor at 9:45 a.m.

***The Mulberry Missionary MB District Women's Convention will convene Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22, 2001 at the Mulberry MB District Association Annex Building (Mulberry Heights Elba). Each session will begin at 9:30 a.m.

***Homecoming and Revival Services of the Greater Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Chancellor were held Sept. 10-14, 2001. Rev. Robert E. Brooks, Sr., pastor.

***A Community Revival was held on Sept. 16 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Sept. 17 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Sept. 18 at Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and on Sept. 19 at Harris Temple Church of God In Christ.

***Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church celebrated its 92nd Anniversary on Sept. 16, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Lawrence, pastor. The church was founded in 1909 and established in 1910.

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elsie Phillips-Copes, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Tue. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST
Rev. Larry Gill, Pastor
Church Service 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
E. H. Hill, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 12:00 noon
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DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. William Frank, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Bernard Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School [illegible]
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service [illegible]

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jimmy Simmons, Minister
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study [illegible]

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
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Sunday School [illegible]
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ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School [illegible]
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Homer F. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School [illegible]
Morn. Worship [illegible]
Even. Service [illegible]
Wed. Service [illegible]

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services 6:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Danny Sherrer, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
Andy Marler, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Willie T. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor
Morn. Worship 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirlie Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
Rick Hayes, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Gerry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
John Freeman, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

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Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors
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Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Jimmie Bryan, Minister
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.

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Ray Layton, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Rick Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben Amlong, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Walter Faulk, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Serv. 6:00 p.m.

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Bro. Jerry Long, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

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J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Keith Price, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Larry Wise, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Silas Maulden
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service 7:00 p.m.
Friday Prayer Meeting 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
Ron Stallard, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
John D. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Bruce Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 6:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST
Rev. Alfred Ikner, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Jimmy Maddox, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH
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LIFESTYLES

Monica Jill Westbrook & Ashley Bryan Weeks

Miss Westbrook & Mr. Weeks to be united in holy matrimony

Ms. Patricia Ann Westbrook and Mr. Ronnie Glen Westbrook of Cleveland, OH, announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Jill Westbrook of Ozark, Ala. to Ashley Bryan Weeks of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Clemmie Chancellor of Troy, Ala., the late Mr. Clemmie Chancellor and Mrs. Edward Lee Westbrook of Elba and the late Mr. Edward Lee Westbrook.

Miss Westbrook is a graduate of Kent State University in Kent, OH., and has begun her second year as a fourth grade teacher in Ozark.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Jeter Eugene Weeks of Geneva, Ala., the late Mr. Jeter Eugene "Gene" Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Kemp of Elba.

A 1994 graduate of Elba High School, Ashley attended Auburn University and is now employed in Dothan, Ala.

An October wedding is planned at Zion Chapel Baptist Church in Elba.

Mrs. Bimbo honored with miscellaneous shower

A miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Chara Davis Bimbo, bride of Brett Bimbo, was held Sunday afternoon, September 16, 2001 in the fellowship hall of Whitewater Baptist Church.

The entry door was marked by a cluster of white bells which were held together with a pink bow. Guests were greeted by Mrs. Merle Clark. Sylvia Padgett introduced the guests to the honoree who was joined in the receiving line by Mrs. Martha P. Davis, paternal grandmother, Mrs. Pam Smith, a special aunt of the honoree, Mrs. Mary Vaughan and Mrs. Margaret Bimbo, grandmothers of the groom , and Ms. Gail Bimbo, stepmother of the groom.

Mrs. Nancy Crowe registered the guests at a round table draped in white and pink with a white battenburg lace overlay. The table was topped with an arrangement of mixed cut flowers, the bride's book, and a brass pen stemming from a crystal holder. On an easel flanking the registry table was a framed collage of pictures taken on Brett and Chara's wedding day.

Receiving and registering gifts were Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. June Clark, and Mrs. Rhonda Stephens.

After viewing the many gifts, the guests were served party dainties from crystal appointments from a table skirted in pink with a multi-colored cutwork overlay. A mixed cut-flower arrangement on a mirrored base completed the table appointments. Throughout the room were numerous green plants and wreaths fashioned with wedding bells, ivy and bows.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. Sylvia Padgett, Mrs. Dana Padgett, Mrs. Syble Padgett, Mrs. Betty Padgett, Mrs. Merle Clark, Mrs. Wayne White, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mrs. Totsie Parrish, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Janie Allen, Mrs. Rea Young, Mrs. June Clark, Mrs. Keith Grantham, Mrs. Terre Williams and Mrs. Rhonda Stephens.

Pictured L to R: Mrs. Margaret Bimbo, Mrs. Gail Bimbo, Mrs. Mary Vaughan, Mrs. Chara Bimbo-honoree, Mrs. Martha Davis and Mrs. Pam Smith.

Grimes Family Reunion to be held October 6

Grimes Family Reunion will be held at NewEbenezer Baptist Church (Curtis) Saturday, October 6, 2001 10:00 A.M., till.... Host family will be the grandchildren & great grandchildren of Eugene and Lena Grimes.

Those attending are ask to bring covered dishes, drink and lawn chairs. Plates, cups, eating utensils and ice furnished by host family.

Contact persons: Myrna J. Cotton 897-5253, Roy D. Grimes 897-8551, Norman Johns 347-6521. A Cousin's get together will be held at at Moore's Country Buffet Opp, Al., at 6:30 P.M. on Friday Oct. 5.

Curtis School Reunion to be held in October

Each year, the second Saturday in October brings family and friends together for fun, food, and fellowship at the Curtis School reunion. Pictured above are former classmates, (L-R), Janice Crocker McCall, Ronnie Williams, and Mary Cowen Flagg recalling fond memories of childhood school days. The reunion will be held under the pavilion at New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church on Saturday, October 13th, 2001. Lunch will be at 12:00. Come early and bring covered dish meal, and a lawn chair. Paper goods and ice will be furnished.

Don't Foget to buy your tickets for The Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet!

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Alyssa Grace English

Alyssa Grace English is celebrates first birthday

Alyssa Grace English celebrated her first birthday on June 23rd. Her parents are Tammy and Jim English of Troy. Grandparents are Lois English, and Jane and Rayford Hodge, all of Elba.

NEW ARRIVAL

RAVEN SHA'KYRA TILLIS

Sequita O. Perkins of Enterprise, Ala. and Adrian Tillis announce the birth of their daughter, Raven Sha'Kyra Amari Tillis. She was born on August 31, 2001 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala. She weighed 6 pounds. Her grandparents are Beverly Perkins of Opp, Ala. and Dorothy Tillis of Brantley, Ala.

C.C. Democratic Conference to hold Awards Banquet

Coffee County Democratic Conference (ADC) Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, September 22, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at Enterprise State Junior College in the Multi-Purpose Room in Enterprise, Ala. For more information call Beatrice Brooks at 347-0918 or Robert Hooks at 347-8440.

NEW ARRIVAL

KENNETH TRENT PIERCE STANTON

Misty and Kenny Stanton of Elba announce the birth of their son, Kenneth Trent Pierce Stanton. He was born on September 4, 2001 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala. He weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces and was 18 inches long. His grandparents are Debbie and Dewayne Beck of Elba.

Nursing Home resident is 102 years old

Mrs. Etta Mae Griswold

Mrs. Etta Mae Griswold, the oldest resident at Elba Nursing Home, celebrated her 102nd birthday on Sept. 11. She was born Sept. 14, 1899.

Family and friends gathered for the occasion.

"Mrs. Griswold adds new meaning to the term 'growing old gracefully,' for she is still as alert and high-spirited as ever," said Debora Clay, Activity Coordinator.

Deadline for social news is Monday!

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SCHOOLS

Centennial Year Special:

A glance at life in 1901

by **Jonathan Head**

During 1901, life consisted of cowboys and "modern" advancements that orchestrated the century beforehand. We have come so far during the last 100 years; it's hard to imagine that anyone ever resided within a topsy-turvy world of midrange life expectancies and ten mile-per-hour speed limits.

Through the sands of time, we as a nation have advanced through hardship to become greater than our past-dwelling counterparts. Life has hurriedly changed to suit any problem, desire, or infatuation this country has ever experienced, wanted, or had.

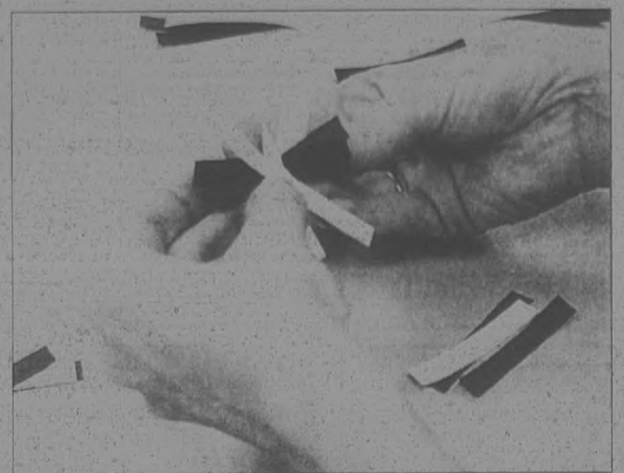
Before life in the States progressed so vastly, 95 percent of all mothers gave birth to their children amid the walls of their own homes. Most women only washed their hair once or twice per month, and they used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. The five leading causes of death were associated with pneumonia and influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease, and stroke. Only eight percent of the homes in the U.S. had phones. There were only 144 miles of paved road with an elfin amount of 8,000 cars to drive on them. The American flag had 45 stars; Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union. Marijuana, heroine, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores, and there were about 230 reported murders in the U.S.

Life has matured to such a heightened state that these facts seem merely a collection of half-truths used to inhibit a sense of another humanity living galaxies away from this one. Even so, this is what life entailed for most during 1901.

Tiger Tales

Editor: Katie Grimes

In memory of those who suffered



by **Kristy Ward**

On September 11, 2001, our country was deliberately attacked by a group of international terrorists.

This deeply touched the lives of all American citizens, whether they knew someone who was in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or on either of the flights, or if they just felt connected by their nationality.

All of America is grieving and helping out in every way that they know how. The Student Government of Elba High School's way of expressing grief is through the wearing of our nation's colors on ribbons.

Thursday morning, many of the SGA representatives donated their time to making hundreds of these patriotic ribbons. They were passed out to all the faculty and staff and to most of the students. Of course, they could not make enough.

The students and staff continued to wear these throughout the week as a sign of their loss and patriotism.

This word can not be said enough: patriotism. It's what every person in this country needs right now as well as in the future. Please join the students of Elba High in showing patriotism and pride in our country.

Thought on the recent American Tragedy

Guest Editorial by Wesley Kelley

How can we measure the effects of the devastation that have been wrought upon our country? No one is a stranger to the string of events that unfolded on September 11. The hijacking of four commercial airliners led to the destruction of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center as well as a portion of the Pentagon. In the wake of this tragedy, many New Yorkers are left with a feeling of shell shock, while many more Americans are crying out for revenge. What should we expect of our government now?

Personally, I believe that the three essential issues of the moment are the search and rescue operations at the destruction sites, the investigation for the location of the responsible parties, and the security of our nation from further terrorist harassment. President Bush said that America will "hunt down and punish" the groups responsible for the attack. On top of this, he has said that punishment will also be brought to the people that offer haven to these terrorist groups. I am thankful that President Bush is willing to take action in regards to the attacks in order to prevent further atrocities from occurring. I also applaud his patience in waiting for conclusive evidence to reveal the origin of the attacks.

Tuesday evening, as I was thinking about all the events that had transpired by the end of the day, I found myself harboring anger against not only terrorist groups, but also the people of the Middle East countries who perhaps may have aided the attackers. I found myself with a vehement and bloodthirsty attitude, and then I realized how foolish I was being. We Americans must not develop such a primitive and ignorant air about ourselves that we strut about boasting of how we will "blow such countries off the map." Such bloodlust is detestable. With this attitude, Americans are no longer distinguishable from their terrorist opponents. Both are consumed with hatred. This, to me, is truly sad. I recall seeing video footage of individuals in Middle Eastern nations celebrating the deaths of Americans, and I shudder to think that we would respond in the same way should they be punished. I am not saying that America should not defend itself, but I do believe that such a hateful attitude is unbecoming of our nation. War is a sad and painful experience, and I pray that President Bush will do whatever he possibly can to avoid it.

Among other things, I pray that the members of Congress will not pit themselves against each other when deciding further action in regard to the tragedies that have occurred. The United States Congress was never intended to house a forum for childish bickering, and now is certainly not the time for this to take place. Thus far, it appears that politicians have remained bi-partisan in dealing with this crisis, but matters are far from over.

In closing, I would encourage all the students of Elba High School to lift up prayers for the rescue workers and victims of this attack. I also ask you to pray for the government leaders of America and for the people responsible for these attacks. I know some students are beginning to organize support efforts for victims and I hope that many of us will participate in these. I also urge older students who are eligible to donate blood to the American Red Cross. I hope that this catastrophe will not drive our country apart, but rather encourage our cooperation with each other, proving that this nation is indeed indivisible.

CENTENNIAL EDITION
The Elba High School journalism staff is desperately seeking photos from the early years of Elba High for a special centennial edition of the Elbala. Anyone with candid pictures from 1902-1998 and would like to contribute needs to contact Julie Norris at the high school at 897-2122.

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by **Brittany Daniels**

Susan Barnes

This week's EHS faculty spotlight is focused on Mrs. Susan Barnes.

Mrs. Barnes is a graduate of Opp High School. After high school, she earned a double major in health & physical education/recreation at Auburn University.

Mrs. Barnes has taught at Magnolia Mississippi Elementary School, DeFuniak Springs and Walton County High School. She is now serving her 11th year in the Elba City School System.

She spends her workdays being a health & physical education teacher at Elba High School. She was inspired to pursue a career in education by her Junior High PE teacher.

Mrs. Barnes and her husband, Doyle Barnes, have two children, Bart and Kristin. When not busy with schoolwork, Mrs. Barnes spends much of her time playing golf. She also coaches the Junior Varsity volleyball team and serves as sponsor of the Varsity cheerleaders.

She says that if she could no longer be a teacher, she would be interested in becoming a nurse.

Elba High students visit Alabama Shipyard

by **Katie Grimes**

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 39 students accompanied by 10 members of the community took a field trip to the Alabama Shipyard in Mobile.

This trip was sponsored by MacArthur State Technical College's Tech Prep program. This program receives federal funding to help schools participate in educational, career-oriented outings. One mission of the Tech Prep program is to promote student interest in technical careers through business and industry visits.

Donna Stokes, Tech Prep Specialist at McArthur, said "according to the current Occupational Outlook Handbook, most of the occupations projected to grow the fastest over the next few years require skill and training. A good education is the key to obtaining a high paying job. The Occupational Outlook Handbook states that jobs requiring an associate degree are projected to increase 31 percent, faster than any other occupational group categorized by education and training. I think this information is particularly noteworthy since it comes from The Bureau of Labor Statistics."

Stokes explained that providing students with opportunities to visit various businesses and industries gives them an insight to the real world of work. Students become able to make more informed decisions about high school courses and possible careers. Tech Prep has a six-year program that spans the freshman year in high school through an Associate's degree, with options to continue for a Bachelor's degree.

The South Central Alabama Tech Prep Consortium has articulation agreements signed by superintendents and presidents of all participating schools.

The students who participated in this trip were members of VICA and participants in the Cooperative Education programs. Tuesday morning, the students and chaperones met at the high school at 4:30 a.m. They enjoyed a light breakfast before loading the bus and beginning their three-hour journey to Mobile.

At the shipyard, the students watched a presentation that explained the many career opportunities found within the shipbuilding industry. The students were then divided into groups and were given a tour of the grounds. The tour guides explained what jobs were done at the different sites. Some of these jobs include the welding of steel plates used to build the ships; ship repair on state-of-the-art dry docks; as well as jobs in the medical facilities at the shipyard. The students were surprised by the wide variety of careers to be found at the shipyard.

After stopping for lunch, the group continued on to the U.S.S. Alabama State Park. Students were able to roam about on their own and enjoy the sites at a leisurely pace. Many explored the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship, while others took a ride on the flight simulators. The group even found a television in the gift shop snack room where they were able to view updates on the terrorist attacks.

The students thoroughly enjoyed taking this trip to Mobile. They would like to thank Mr. Donald Lawford, Technical Education Coordinator at EHS, for coordinating the trip. They also thank teachers Mr. Bruce Sasser, Mr. Larry Goodson, and Mrs. Donna Clark for chaperoning. The students wish to thank Reverend John Baxter, Mr. Jackie Windham, EHS Vice-principal Johnny Dunn, and EES Principal Mickey McCollough for their company on this trip. Thanks also goes out to Mrs. Donna Stokes, the representative from MacArthur's Tech Prep program for her help. And last, but not least, the students wish to thank Elba High School's administration for allowing this outing to take place.

Co-Op Spotlight

by **Charly Barlow**

This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Courtney Jackson.

Courtney is a 17-year-old senior at Elba High School. She is the daughter of Gary and Susan Jackson. Courtney works at the District Attorney's office where she does general clerical duties.

Courtney is involved in VICA at Elba High. During her free time, she enjoys hanging out with friends. After graduation, Courtney plans to attend college to study ultrasound technology.

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Elba Elementary School Menu
Sep. 24 - 28, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Monday** - Ground Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Corn, Roll, Peach Cup, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Tuesday** - Burrito w/ Cheese, Rice, Green Salad, 1/2 Orange
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Wednesday** - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Pudding w/ Vanilla Wafers, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Thursday** - Corndog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Friday** - Bar-B-Q Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Roll, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

EES Faculty Spotlight

by **Gavin Mauldin**

Martha Coleman

The teacher in this week's faculty spotlight is third grade teacher Mrs. Martha Coleman.

She is an Elba High School graduate of 1986. After high school, she attended ESJC, and she later attended Troy State where she received her Masters in elementary education.

Her past teaching experiences include two years in Brundidge and 10 years in Elba. She is married to Mark Coleman, and they have one son Billy. She said her fifth grade teacher Joanne Rainer was the person who inspired her to become a teacher. When asked what other careers she would consider, she replied, "I can't imagine not teaching."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CHEERING FOR THE ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE this year is freshman Aaron Jones of Enterprise. Aaron is the son of Lia (Lowery) Rester and Lee Jones.

Elba City School System is trying to locate and identify all disabled persons ages 3-21

The Elba City School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years who are not enrolled in an educational setting. If you are a parent of a child with disabilities or know of someone who is disabled, please contact the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Elba City Board of Education at 897-2801. It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

Elba Public Library planning Canned Food Drive October 1-13

The Elba Public Library is having a canned food drive Oct. 1-13 for the Wiregrass Food Bank. Pay overdue fines by bringing canned foods to the library. Three cans of food will pay off $5 in overdue fees.

Benefit Singing to be held at Perdue Assembly of God

A benefit singing will be held for Perdue Assembly of God Building Fund on October 6, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tarentum Community Center. The featured singers will be the Homeward Bound Singers, and local talent will perform. A miscellaneous auction will take place; items include: cakes, pies, etc. The concession stand will be open: hamburgers, hotdogs and cokes will be served.

Items being collected for World Trade Center rescue workers

Coffee County EMS and Hit Country 101 have joined forces to collect items to be sent to the rescue workers at the World Trade Center in New York to assist in the recovery efforts. Items needed include: Boots size 10 and up, work gloves, latex gloves, socks, T-shirts, foot powder, antacid, hard hats, safety glasses, and dust masks. Donations may be dropped off at Windham Lumber Company, Coffee County EMS Office, The Elba Market Place, and Mr. Henry's....or in Opp at Opportunity EMS Office, Butch's Garage or at the Opp Rescue Squad Building. MSJ Trucking Company of Opp will be transporting the goods to the United Way in New Jersey to be distributed directly to the rescue workers at the World Trade Center. For more information contact Dolores or Robin at Coffee County EMS at 897-8009 or 897-8509 or Pam at 897-3338.

11th Annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show and Sale scheduled for September 29th

The 11th Annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show and Sale will be Saturday, Sept. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds on U.S. 231 South in Dothan. The Fairgrounds are three miles south of Ross Clark Circle.

Matthew Farris

Matthew Farris admitted to College of Veterinary Medicine at AU

Matthew Farris has been admitted to the professional program in Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine as a member of the Class of 2005.

He attended Auburn as an undergraduate and is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School. His parents are Phil and Susie Farris of Elba.

Chamber Of Commerce Banquet set for September 27

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet. Plans are underway for a fun filled night including entertainment by "Little Jimmy Reed", an awards ceremony, great door prizes and a drawing for $2,500.00. The event will be held at the Elba High School commons area on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m.

No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. The cost of the ticket is $15.00 and may be purchased at the Chamber office or from any Chamber Board member. Remember, tickets must be purchased in advance. Dress in casual.

Financial Workshop for Individual investors will be held at ESJC

Financial Workshop for Individual Investors will be held at Enterprise State Junior College this fall semester. This educational workshop informs individuals about setting realistic financial goals, making wise investment decisions, and avoiding unexpected financial risks. Topics covered in this five-session workshop will include certificates of deposits, government bonds, tax-free bonds, mutual funds, stocks, annuities, and retirement plans. There is a $30.00 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is September 25. Workshop sessions will be held on Tuesdays, October 2—30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Coffee County Schools Menu
Sept. 24 - 28, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Donut, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Monday** - Barbeque Sandwich, Chicken Sandwich, Whole White Potatoes, English Peas, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Tuesday** - Roast Beef Sandwich, Corndog, Fruit, French Fries, Milk, Steamed Broccoli, Dessert
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Wednesday** - Taco Salad, Chicken Nuggets, Onion Rings, Fruit, Butter Beans, Roll, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Thursday** - Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Crossiant, Fruit, English Peas, Crackers, Oven Fries, Milk
Friday - Pancake Pups, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	**Friday** - Cheese Pizza, Hotdog, Baked Beans, Fruit, Potato Rounds, Choc. Pudding, Milk

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. DAVIS, DECEASED. Case No.: PC-2001-40

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Geraldine R. Rawls, as Executor of the Estate of Charles W. Davis, on the 30th day of August, 2001, by the Honorable William O. Gammill.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

By: Ronald W. Penn
Attorney for Executor
103 Sixth Avenue
Opp, Alabama 36467
(334) 493-1100

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

JOHNNY WILLIAMS, JR., PLAINTIFF,
VS.
BETTY WILLIAMS, DEFENDANT.
CASE NO. DR 2001-H-64
TO: BETTY WILLIAMS

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama and you are required to answer same on or before the 29th day of October, 2001, otherwise a Default may be entered against you.

Done this 4th day of September, 2001.

/s/ James M. Counts
Circuit Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 082701

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1994-4 OF THE CITY OF ELBA LEVYING A PRIVILEGE, LICENSE OR EXCISE TAX AGAINST PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS STORING, USING, OR OTHER WISE CONSUMING OR ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING AT RETAIL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OR CONDUCTING PLACES OF AMUSEMENT IN THE CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA OR WITHIN ITS POLICE JURISDICTION.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Elba, in the State of Alabama, as follows:

I. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 1994-4 of the City of Elba which was adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the said city on June 13, 1994, is hereby amended so that the said Section 1 shall read in its entirety as follows:

Section. 1. There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, and shall be collected as herein provided, a privilege or license tax against the person on account of the business activities and in the amount to be determined by the application of rates against gross sales, or gross receipts, as the case may be, as follows:

(a) Upon every person, firm, or corporation, (including the State of Alabama, the University of Alabama, Auburn University and all other institutions of higher learning is the state, whether such institutions be denominational, state, county or municipal institutions, and any association or other agency or instrumentality of such institutions) engaged, or continuing within the city in the business of selling at retail any tangible personal property whatsoever, including merchandise and commodities of every kind and character, (not including, however, bonds or other evidences of debts or stocks, nor sale or sales of material and supplies to any person for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repair, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five (5) tons load displacement as registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources), an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the gross proceeds of sales of the business except where a different amount is expressly provided herein. Provided, however, that any person engaging or continuing in business as a retailer and wholesaler or jobber shall pay the tax required on the gross proceeds of retail sales of such business at the rates specified, when his books are kept so as to show separately the gross proceeds of sales of each business, and when his books are not so kept he shall pay the tax as retailer on the gross sales of the business.

(b) Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged or continuing within the city, in the business of conducting or operating places of amusement or entertainment, billiard and pool rooms, bowling alleys, amusement devices, musical devices, theaters, opera houses, moving picture shows, vaudevilles, amusement parks, athletic contests, including wrestling matches, prize fights, boxing and wrestling exhibitions, football and baseball games, (including athletic contests, conducted by or under the auspices of any educational institution within the city, or any athletic association thereof, or other association whether such institution or association be a denominational, a state, or county, or a municipal institution or association or a state, county, or city school, or other institution, association or school), skating rinks, race tracks, golf courses, or any other place at which any exhibition, display, amusement or entertainment is offered to the public or place or places where an admission fee is charged, including public bathing places, public dance halls of every kind and description within the city, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the gross receipts of any such business. Provided, however, not withstanding any language to the contrary in the prior portion of this subsection, the tax provisions so specified shall not apply to any athletic event conducted by a public primary or secondary school. The tax amount which would have been collected pursuant to this subsection shall continue to be collected by said public primary or secondary school but shall be retained by the school which collected it and shall be used by said school for school purposes.

(c) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within the city in the business of selling at retail machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing and manufacturing of tangible personal property, an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds of the sale of such machines; provided, that the term machines, as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefor which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

(d) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within the city in the business of selling at retail any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer, or mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes and any other materials pertaining thereto an amount equal to three fourths of one percent (.75%) of the gross proceeds of sale of said automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies provided, however, where a person subject to the tax provided for in this subsection withdraws from his stock in trade any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer for use by him or by his employee or agent in the operation of such business, there shall be paid, in lieu of the tax levied herein, a fee of $5.00 per year or part thereof during which such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailers shall remain the property of such person. Each such year or part thereof shall begin with the day or anniversary date, as the case may be, of such withdrawal and shall run for the twelve succeeding months or part thereof during which such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer shall remain the property of such person. Where any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer is taken in trade or in a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

(e) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within the city in the business of selling at retail any machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery or equipment, attachments and replacements therefore which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery or equipment, an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the gross proceeds of the sale thereof. Provided, however, the one percent (1%) rate herein prescribed with respect to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities. Where any used machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock and poultry on farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery or equipment, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine, machinery or equipment sold, less the credit for the used machine, machinery or equipment taken in trade.

(f) Upon every person, firm or corporation engaged or continuing within the city in the business of selling through coin-operated dispensing machines, food and food products for human consumption, not including beverages other than coffee, milk products and substitutes therefor, there is hereby levied a tax equal to three percent (3%) of the retail selling prices of such food, food products and beverages sold through such machine.

II. **Section 2** of Ordinance No. 1994-4 of the City of Elba which was adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of said City on June 13, 1994, is hereby amended so that the said section 2 shall read in its entirety as follows:

Section 2. Levy of the Tax in Police Jurisdiction. Upon every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the doing of an act, or who shall do an act, or continuing in the doing of an act, or engaged in the operation of any business, or who shall engage in the operation of any business, within the police jurisdiction of the city but beyond the corporate limits of said city, for which a privilege or license tax is in this ordinance levied or required within the corporate limits of the city, there is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law or by municipal ordinance, to be collected as herein provided for the privilege or license taxes herein levied within the corporate limits of the city, a privilege or license tax equal to one-half of that provided, levied or required in this ordinance for the doing of such act, or the engaging or continuing therein, or the engaging or continuing in the operation of such business within the corporate limits of the city. Provided further, that except for the amount of the privilege or license tax herein levied within the police jurisdiction of said city but without the corporate limits thereof, all the provisions of this ordinance extend and apply to all the area within the police jurisdiction of the city.

III. **Section 3** of Ordinance No. 1994-4 of the City of Elba which was adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of said city on June 13, 1994, is hereby amended so that the said Section 3 shall read in its entirety as follows:

Section 3. (a) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the city of tangible personal property (not including materials and supplies bought for use in fulfilling a contract for the painting, repairing, or reconditioning of vessels, barges, ships and other watercraft and commercial fishing vessels of over five (5) tons load displacement as registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed by the State of Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in the city, except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d), at the rate of three percent (3%) of the sales price of such property within the corporate limits of said city.

(b) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the city of any machines used in mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, and manufacturing of tangible personal property purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance at the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of any such machine, within the corporate limits of the city, provided, that the term machine as herein used, shall include machinery which is used for mining, quarrying, compounding, processing, or manufacturing tangible personal property, and the parts of such machines, attachments and replacements therefor, which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machines and which are necessary to the operation of such machines and are customarily so used.

(c) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the city of any automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies including but not limited to steps, blocks, anchoring, cable pipes and any other material pertaining thereto purchased at retail on or after the effective date of this ordinance for storage, use or other consumption in the city at the rate of three-fourths of one percent (.75%) of the sales price of such automotive vehicle, truck trailer, semi-trailer, house trailer or mobile home set-up materials and supplies within the corporate limits of said city. Where any used automotive vehicle or truck trailer, semi-trailer or house trailer is taken in trade, or in a series of trades, as a credit or part payment on the sale of a new or used vehicle, the tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used vehicle sold less the credit for the used vehicle taken in trade.

(d) An excise tax is hereby levied and imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in the city of any machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock or poultry on farms, and the parts of such machines, machinery, or equipment, attachments and replacements therefor which are made or manufactured for use on or in the operation of such machine, machinery, or equipment, and which are necessary to and customarily used in the operation of such machine, machinery, or equipment, which is purchased at retail after the effective date of this ordinance, for the storage, use or other consumption in the city at the rate of one percent (1%) of the sales price of such property within the corporate limits of said city regardless of whether the retailer is or is not engaged in the business in this City. Provided, however, the one percent (1%) rate herein prescribed with respect to parts, attachments, and replacements shall not apply to any automotive vehicle or trailer designed primarily for public highway use, except farm trailers used primarily in the production and harvesting of agricultural commodities. Where any used machine, machinery or equipment which is used in planting, cultivating, and harvesting farm products, or used in connection with the production of agricultural produce or products, livestock, and poultry on farms is taken in trade or in a series of trades as a credit or part payment on a sale of a new or used machine, machinery, or equipment. The tax levied herein shall be paid on the net difference, that is, the price of the new or used machine, machinery, or equipment sold, less the credit for the used machine, machinery, or equipment taken in trade.

An excise tax is hereby imposed on tangible personal property at one-half the rates specified in subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section on the storage, use or other consumption of such tangible personal property outside the corporate limits of the city, but within the police jurisdiction.

IV. This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of October, 2001.

Adopted and approved this 27th day of August 2001.
James E. Grimes
Mayor

ATTEST:
Don Morrow
City Clerk
9/6/13/chg.

ESTATE OF BETTY L. SHIPMAN DECEASED PROBATE COURT PC-01-62

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of September 2001, by the Hon. William O. Gammill Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Allen Shipman
Personal Representative

9/13,20,27Chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2000, Scott Dunn and Terri C. Dunn, husband and wife, did execute and deliver to Colonial Bank, a state banking corporation, a mortgage on certain real estate hereinafter described, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, at Book 45A, Page 812, and,

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of said Mortgage as provided herein, which default continued at this date and said Mortgage is subject to foreclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, three weeks notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at public outcry for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the courthouse doors, main entrance, in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 24, 2001, the real estate being more particularly described as lying and being situated in Coffee County, State of Alabama, to-wit:

DANLEYS CROSSROADS STOREBUILDING

A one acre lot and storebuilding located within the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 8, T5N, R19E in Coffee County, Alabama being more particularly described and bound as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the west right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 84 with the south right-of-way line of Coffee County Road 376 (Friendship Highway); thence South along the west right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 84 for a distance of 210.0 to a point; thence West along a line parallel with the south right-of-way line of Coffee County Road 376 (Friendship Highway) for a distance of 210.0 feet to a point; thence North along a line parallel with the west right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 84 for a distance of 210.0 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of the Friendship Highway; thence East along the south right-of-way line of the Friendship Highway 210.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, restrictions, and reservations appearing of record.

Said sale and conveyance will also be made subject to the legal rights of existing Federal Tax Liens, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect title to subject property.

Such sale will be made as provided in said mortgage for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage with interest thereon, any amounts required to be paid for taxes, insurance or other charges provided in said mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Said property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions contained in said mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. Said property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled hereto.

COLONIAL BANK, a state banking corporation
PARNELL & CRUM, P.A.
BY: Charles N. Parnell, III
Charles N. Parnell, III
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Post Office Box 2189
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9/20, 27;10/4 chg.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that South Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc., an electric cooperative organized under the laws of Alabama, has filed its Petition with the Department of Finance of the State of Alabama, for consent to execute and deliver its Promissory Notes and Security Agreements to the United States of America in an amount of $450,000.00 as a zero-interest loan under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program and for consent to execute and deliver to the United States of America its future notes in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00 to secure loans for designated projects specifically approved through USDA Rural Development for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program and for consent to execute and deliver its promissory notes and security agreements to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00 as a line of credit.

The purpose of obtaining the Line of Credit Loan, to be used in case of an emergency, will be to furnish electric energy to persons who would otherwise be unable to receive the same unless a temporary loan is granted to the Petitioner for services to its patrons. The purpose of obtaining the $450,000.00 loan will be to provide Petitioner with funds to lend to Brundidge Industrial Development Board to assist with the rebuilding of Carter Brothers Manufacturing Company, Inc. The purpose of obtaining the future loans not to exceed $3,000,000.00, is to secure loans for designated projects specifically approved through USDA Rural Development for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

This petition has been set down to be heard on the 5th day of October, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Director of Finance in Room E-308, State Capitol Building, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons in interest may appear and contest the Petition if they see fit to do so.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 11th day of September, 2001.

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

By: /s/ Henry C. Mabry III
Henry C. Mabry III
Director of Finance
9-20chg

SPORTS

Views from.... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I don't know if all the crime and violence on TV these days has made our kids numb to such acts, or the fact that last week's attacks in New York and Washington D.C. seemed more like a movie plot than the real thing. However, it was amazing to me to see the reactions of my girls and their friends after the terrorist attacks against our nation. I can still remember back in 1963 crying and asking my Dad "Why?" after the assassination of President Kennedy, but so far neither one of my girls has asked much of anything, except maybe - how did they manage to pull it off? I hope that our response is quick and decisive, and that the moods of many of the youngsters in our nation will change from fear to pride!

TIGER RALLY NOT ENOUGH IN LOSS TO LUVERNE

The Elba Tigers spotted Luverne a 20-0 halftime lead last week and then almost pulled off one of the biggest comebacks in Elba Tiger history Friday night before Luverne scored late to turn back the Tigers 26-14. Elba battled Luverne on even terms throughout the opening stanza and outplayed Luverne for much of the second half, but just couldn't quite overcome the final eight seconds of the first quarter and the disastrous second quarter. Elba's players and coaches showed a lot of dedication and desire in fighting back in the second half, and the large Elba crowd in attendance made more than its share of noise and really helped the players stay fired up as they fought until the closing seconds in their attempt to rally and pull off the win. There is no such thing as a moral victory to a player or coach. However, Friday night the Elba Tigers showed they are definitely a new breed of Tiger, even in defeat.

The Elba offense once again showed it could simply line up and run the football effectively as the Tiger backs gained almost 250 yards on the ground against a stingy Luverne defense. The Tigers' stable of backs took turns running over, through and around the Luverne defense, and only a sea of penalty flags keep the rushing totals under the 300 yard mark. Todd Horstead and Dougie Pierson both had big nights carrying the football, and quarterback Brandon Petty looked more comfortable than ever running the Elba offense, and passing the football. The Elba offense is beginning to develop a personality, and it is that of a tough, hard nosed offensive style of play.

The Elba defense had a few problems with the wide open attack of Luverne, but kept Luverne out of the endzone for most of the third quarter when the Tigers were staging their comeback, and continued to wow their fans with some big hits. The secondary got picked on a little and the middle of the Tiger defense continued to have a problem stopping the inside traps and counters. However, as the rest of the defense becomes more solid, you can bet the Tigers will put extra work on their problem areas and that the Elba defense will get even tougher.

It has never been easy for the Elba Tigers to win up in Luverne, and that was the case again Friday night in their 26-14 loss. The Tigers played hard enough to win against some teams, but not enough to bring home a win over Luverne, in Luverne. Now the Tigers have to remember how hard it was to win on the road, and defend their home turf over the coming weeks. It won't be easy, but this team could make Tiger Stadium seem more like home in the weeks to come with some big wins.

KINSTON IS ONLY AREA TEAM TO SURVIVE WEEK #3

The Kinston Bulldogs were the only area team that survived the region wars in week #3, and after only three weeks it is funny to listen to some of the fans write off their teams, while others brag and are ready to take on the world. The season is played one game at a time, and only time will tell the tale of the 2001 season. Last week? Here is what went on....

*** **KINSTON (2-1)** made it look easy in a lopsided 49-6 win over Ariton, and for the second straight week the Bulldogs had a runner go over the 225 yard barrier. Ryan Anderson gained 257 yards and scored 4 touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to the win, and in doing so managed to better the 244 yard effort of teammate Patrick Nelson from the week before. It looks like Coach Gary Glass has his Bulldogs slimmed down and ready to run with the big dogs.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (1-2)** thought it had pulled out a late win over Wicksburg, but saw the officials under the goal posts wave off what would have been a winning field-goal to give the visiting Panthers a hard fought 13-12 win. The Gamecocks continued to roll up the yardage on the ground and saw quarterback Joseph Sawyer hit on two touchdown passes, but the Gamecocks will have to put more points on the scoreboard if they are to start stacking up the wins.

*** **ZION CHAPEL (0-3)** got shut out for the third straight week in a 35-0 defeat at Pleasant Home, and the Rebels have now been outscored 114-0 in their opening three games. The Rebels are down in numbers and talent, that fact is obvious. However, the Rebel fans are needed now more than ever to give their support to these young men as they fight every Friday night to try and bring home a win. I know last season's playoff trip seems like a decade ago, but it was only a few months ago, and this bunch might just have a surprise or two up their sleeves before the season ends.

*** **BRANTLEY (1-2)** saw its offense fail to cross the goalline for the third straight week in a 17-3 setback to G.W. Long. Coach David Lowery stated before the season started that the defense would have to carry the load early on until the offense could get settled in, and while the defense has held its own, the offense simply has yet to step forward and develop a personality. I am sure the coaches up at Brantley are burning the midnight oil looking for answers, because the questions are painfully obvious.

QUICK KICKS....

*** The Pleasant Home Eagles whipped up on Zion Chapel 35-0 to move to 3-0 on the young season, and area fans are already predicting that the defending state champs in 1A basketball have turned into a football power in only three short years. The season is a long way from over and the Eagles still have some huge hurdles to overcome, but this bunch has been winning ever since youth football was started years ago, and football is now a true sport at the Pleasant Home campus.

*** Highland Home made the statewide headlines last week with a 7-6 win over Clay County, and it looks like the Flying Squadron may be better than most people think. Highland Home didn't get a lot of attention with its wins over Luverne or Brantley, but now that the Squadron has knocked off one of the state's top teams, the Crenshaw County power may be getting ready to take names and take charge in the 2A ranks.

*** Gulf Shores claimed its second win of the season by claiming a big region win over Flomaton 20-17. The Dolphins suffered through a winless season a year ago, but the boys from the beach have learned their lessons well and now appear to have a legitimate shot at making the playoffs. Wonder how many homecoming dances they will crash.

*** Andalusia's perfect start came to an abrupt end in a 48-21 loss to T.R. Miller. The Bulldogs and their fans were convinced that the 'Dogs were back and ready to roll, but the Tigers from T.R. Miller are still the measuring stick in the 4A ranks, and judging from the score, Andalusia is still a long way from being anywhere near the top of the pack in 4A.

*** Eufaula upped its record to 3-0 with a big 44-0 win over B.T. Washington, of Tuskegee, and it looks like the Tigers of Coach Shayne Wasden are for real. Eufaula had struggled for the past couple of years and no longer struck fear into anyone on its schedule, but the Tigers are roaring again, and wins over Pike County, Smiths Station and now B.T.W. have me convinced that Eufaula is back.

*** Greenville slipped to 0-3 with a big 31-0 loss to St. Pauls, and it appears that it will take more than the return of Alvin Briggs to take the Tigers back to the top. Greenville stunned most of the high school football world when it struggled a year ago, and now that its struggles are continuing, the magic that once surrounded Greenville High School football is gone.

*** Enterprise got its "hand" slapped for the second straight week in a 17-7 setback to Central, of Phenix City. The Wildcats were off and running after a big season opening win. However, the Wildcats have found the going quite a bit tougher against the teams from Alabama, and the folks from across the county had better sit back and be patient while their new coach goes through the process of building his program.

*** The college football season got put on hold last week, and even the biggest fan had to agree that last weekend college football ran a very distant second to what was going on in our nation and around the world. The games will be back on the tube in weeks to come, and we might just need that escape to survive the real world.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR BIG WEEK

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by a little later than usual Sunday afternoon and seemed a little more confident that in weeks past after sporting a 26-6 week of picks that moved his yearly totals to 68-18. The local gridiron guesspert admitted that this week's picks may be the toughest yet, but seemed confident that his best is yet to come. Guess we will find out for ourselves....

ELBA VS. OPP

The Elba Tigers long football rivalry with the Opp Bobcats will end after this season, which makes this week's game even more important than ever. The winner will have bragging rights for the next three years, and since both teams are hungry for a win, the game could be one of the best in the long history of the series. The guess here is that the Tigers will go out with a bang!

ELBA 26 OPP 17

NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The Gamecocks must regroup after last week's heart-breaking loss and get ready to go Bear hunting over in Cottonwood. New Brockton has improved each and every week and has the ability to pull off an upset this week. However, the hunch here is that the Bears will have the feathers flying.

COTTONWOOD 21 NEW BROCKTON 13

KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The Kinston Bulldogs are in the unfamiliar position of having won two straight games and being heavily favored to make it three straight this week against Florala. The "Mildcats" have yet to put up much of a fight against their opening three foes; however, Florala can't be afraid of Kinston, and could make a game of this one.

KINSTON 27 FLORALA 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

The Zion Chapel Rebels have been outscored 114-0 in the opening three weeks of the season, while the Ariton Purple Cats are also 0-3 and have yet to come close to winning. The major difference may be that the 'Cats have scored in all three games, and that seems to give Ariton a slight edge.

ARITON 22 ZION CHAPEL 20

BRANTLEY VS. SOUTHERN CHOCTAW

The Brantley Bulldogs have yet to score a touchdown on offense this season and this week must travel over to the Mississippi state line to tangle with the Indians from Southern Choctaw. The Bulldogs are a proud bunch and will put up a fight, but might just lose a little fur in this Saturday night ambush.

SOUTHERN CHOCTAW 27 BRANTLEY 0

OTHER PICKS:

Billingsley 41 Fayetteville 6
G.W. Long 21 Pleasant Home 20
Millry 20 McKenzie 6
Red Level 27 Georgiana 24
Goshen 22 Gulf Shores 17
Samson 20 Houston Academy 14
Houston County 40 Wicksburg 8
Slocomb 22 Geneva County 20
Luverne 29 Flomaton 13
W.S. Neal 22 Washington County 15
Andalusia 14 Bibb County 13
Geneva 49 Bullock County 8
Trinity 34 Central 0
Choctaw County 29 Livingston 0
Dale County 28 Headland 14
Daleville 31 Rehobeth 6
T.R. Miller 34 Jackson 20
Briarwood 41 Shelby County 7
Carroll 34 Monroe County 20
Eufaula 40 Russell County 14
Southside 22 Greenville 8
Charles Henderson 27 Hillcrest 7
Wetumpka 20 B.T. Washington 8
Thompson 28 Carver 6
Prattville 20 Jeff Davis 10
Cairo 28 Dothan 17
Enterprise 28 Smiths Station 3
Pelham 24 Lanier 7

Game will mark end of an era

Elba Tigers host Opp in home opener

The Elba Tigers will finally get the chance to enjoy the comforts of home Friday night when they host the Opp Bobcats at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers will bring a 1-2 record into the clash, while the Bobcats will enter the game with an 0-3 slate.

"It will be great to finally play a game at home," stated Elba Tiger head coach Mike Waters, "but Opp has a very talented football team and will provide our team with a huge challenge. If anyone thinks Opp doesn't have a good team just because it is 0-3 they are very much wrong. Opp is just as big and strong as ever, and has some very talented skill players. They will be hungry for a win when they come over here Friday night and will be confident they will get their first win of the season at our expense. We all know this will be a tough game, and we have to be ready to play our best game of the season if we are going to win."

"On offense they run a double slot with one back," added Coach Waters. "One of their slot backs will go in motion on every play, and they will either pitch the ball to him, hand off and run a reverse or hand off to their big 225 pound fullback up the middle. They had some big runs last week against UMS-Wright using the counter play to one of the slot backs, and their slot backs both have really good speed. Opp also has a solid quarterback that doesn't make mistakes, and he can hurt you passing and scrambling. Opp has the type of offense that will try and wear you down and lull you to sleep, then hit you with a counter or a sweep and make something happen. With their big offensive line and their talent in the backfield, Opp certainly has the weapons to control the tempo of the game and put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense they are still looking for the right folks and have given up some points against Charles Henderson and UMS-Wright. However, they have some hitters on their side of the ball and have very good quickness. Opp uses a lot of players on both sides of the ball, much like us, and sometimes when a player gets tired it shows more on defense than on offense. Opp's defense is tough, and does get after the football."

"If we are going to win Friday night we will have to be balanced on offense and be smart, but aggressive on defense," said Coach Waters. "On offense we will have to block well and be able to run the football, and also must be effective throwing when we go to the air. We have to score when we get the chance, and must cut out the penalties that have hurt us in our opening three games. We can't make mistakes on offense if we hope to move the ball and put points on the scoreboard. Our defense has to play real physical up front and be alert for the pass and the counter play. They will simply line up and run us over if we aren't physical up front, and we just have to tighten our chin straps and be tough. We have been hurt with the counter in almost every game, and that is one thing we must stop against Opp. They have some very quick backs that can score from long distance, and we have to be smart, but aggressive."

"Opp is a much better team than their record might make one think," said Waters, "and anytime Elba and Opp play in football it is always a hard hitting, physical football game. Friday night's game will be no different, and I urge all Elba Tiger fans to come out and support our players. We have been on the road for the first three games and have had great crowds, and I hope that the fans will come out in big numbers and give us a home field advantage. Our team has played hard all three games, and we will play hard Friday night and do our best to make everyone proud to support the Elba Tigers."

When asked about last week's 26-14 loss at Luverne, Coach Waters stated "You can't play well just two or three quarters and win against a good team, and although we had the chance to win late in the game, our inability to play well for all four quarters was the difference in the game. I told our players at the half when we were down 20-0 that they could lay down and get embarrassed or come back out and play hard and make something positive happen. We did have a lot of positives in the second half, and overcame some key penalties and mistakes to put ourselves in position to win. Our offensive line and our running backs stepped up and played hard in the second half, and showed everyone at the game that we had the fight and the heart of a winner. One of these days we are going to play well for all four quarters, and when we do the Elba fans will get to see a very good high school football team."

Kickoff for Friday night's game is 7:30 PM, and all Elba fans are encouraged to purchase a program from an Elba Junior High cheerleaders and join the Elba Athletic Club. The Athletic Club will have a booth set up at the entrance.

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Elba Tiger volleyball teams have a busy week of action on court

The volleyball teams at Elba High and Elba Junior High had a busy week on the court last week, with all three teams competing.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA JUNIOR HIGH

The Elba 7th-8th grade Tigers competed against the Enterprise Junior High 8th graders and dropped a 4-15, 2-15 decision on Monday afternoon, at Enterprise Junior. Melanie Mularz was the leading server for Elba with 5 service points.

The Elba 7th-8th grade Tigers battled the Dauphin Junior High 8th graders and dropped a 3-15, 5-15 decision, Monday afternoon at Enterprise Junior. Elena McCormick had 5 service points and Melanie Mularz added 3 service points to lead Elba.

The Elba 8th-9th grade Tigers tangled with Enterprise Junior 9th graders and Dauphin Junior 9th graders on Monday afternoon, at Enterprise Junior, and dropped both matches. The Tigers lost to Enterprise 2-15, 2-15 and to Dauphin 11-15, 5-15. Brittany Hudson recorded 4 service points in the loss to Dauphin.

The Elba Junior High Tigers traveled to Samson on Thursday afternoon and dropped a 14-16, 11-15 decision. Yolanda Reynolds had 9 service points to lead Elba, while Amanda Richardson added 6 service points and Melanie Mularz had 3 spikes.

"This team has shown improvement," said Elba High volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades. "These young Tigers are learning what it takes to win."

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SPORTS

ELBA TIGER FANS....were on their feet and voiced their support for all four quarters in Friday night's region clash with Luverne. This week the Tigers and their fans will be at home in Tiger Stadium when Elba hosts the Opp Bobcats in their home opener.

Tiger rally falls short in 26-14 loss to Luverne

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers staged a furious second half rally Friday night in an attempt to erase a 20-point halftime deficit, and while the Tigers did pull within one touchdown midway through the fourth quarter, that was as close as they could get as Luverne scored late to hold on and post a 26-14 win, in a key Class 3A, Region 1 contest.

The loss left Elba with a 1-2 record, 0-1 in Region 1 play, while Luverne improved to 2-1, 1-1 in Region action.

The Tigers' Daryl Burks recovered an on-sides kick to open the game to set Elba up at the Luverne 42-yardline, and the Tigers quickly moved to a first down at the Luverne 26 on a 16-yard pass completion from Brandon Petty to Kyle English. Elba moved to a third down and two at the 18, but could get no closer, as the early scoring opportunity went by the board.

Luverne failed to move the chains on its initial possession, but got the first break of the night only moments later when a pass interception and return set it up at the Elba 47-yardline. A 19-yard scramble by Justin Moody on third down and 15 gave Luverne a first down at the Elba 8. However, the Tiger defense stiffened, and turned back the scoring threat when Elba linebacker Marcus Henderson intercepted a Moody pass inside the Tigers' 10-yardline.

A short punt gave Luverne the ball back at the Elba 25-yardline, and this time it took the hometown Tigers only six plays to get into the endzone. The score came on a 2-yard blast by Chad Bowen, and although the extra-point try was blocked, Luverne was on top 6-0 with :08 remaining in the first quarter.

Luverne regained possession at its own 28-yardline following another Elba punt, and the Luverne offense rolled down the field with ease as it covered 72 yards in 10 plays to add to its advantage. A 28-yard run by Joseph Looney was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on an 8-yard pass from Justin Moody to Brad Crittenden. Moody and Crittenden hooked up for the two-point conversion, and with 5:49 left in the second quarter Luverne was ahead 14-0.

The two region rivals swapped fumbles on their next possessions, then put together mild scoring threats on their ensuing offensive series.

The Luverne threat reached a fourth down and 5 at the Elba 42, where Kyle English broke up a fourth down pass to turn back the challenge, while the Elba scoring threat reached a fourth down at the Luverne 37, where a pass from Brandon Petty to Todd Horstead failed to gain the needed yardage.

Luverne put the ball in play at its own 35-yardline with a minute left in the half following the defensive stand, and rode the passing arm of Justin Moody into the Elba endzone as Luverne upped its lead to 20-0.

Moody hit on 5 of 5 passes for 65 yards during the quick scoring march, and hit Brad Crittenden on a 15-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the half. The extra-point try was blocked, but as the teams left the field at halftime Luverne appeared to be in complete command with a big 20-0 advantage.

Luverne threatened to add to its lead early in the third quarter and marched to the Elba 18-yardline on a 43-yard scamper by Joseph Looney. Luverne was faced with a fourth down and two three plays later at the Elba 10, and the Elba defense turned back the scoring threat when Chris Bryant made a big hit on Justin Moody at the line of scrimmage.

The Tiger offense came to life following the defensive stand, and overcame 20 yards in penalties to march 95 yards to get on the scoreboard!

A 21-yard run by Quinton Moultry got the drive off to fast start, while a 62-yard scamper by Dougie Pierson appeared to move the Tigers deep into Luverne territory. The long gain was wiped out by a penalty flag; however, and after the mark off Elba found itself backed up to its own 18-yardline. The penalty only made the Tigers more determined, and Elba once again set sails for the Luverne endzone as on the next play from scrimmage Todd Horstead got the call and rambled 59 yards to the Luverne 23. An 11-yard pass from Brandon Petty to Marcus Henderson got the Tigers inside the one, and one play later Petty sneaked over for the Tiger touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 4:45 left in the third quarter Elba had cut the Luverne lead to 20-6.

Elba appeared to cut into the Luverne lead even more on Luverne's ensuing possession when Daryl Burks scooped up a fumble and raced untouched 41 yards into the endzone. However, the play was ruled dead prior to the fumble, and the apparent score was erased from the scoreboard.

The Tigers regained possession at their own 5-yardline following a Luverne punt, and once again headed toward the Luverne goalline. A 34-yard run by Todd Horstead sparked the drive early, while a personal foul penalty against Luverne on a punt returned possession to Elba and gave the Tigers a first down at the Luverne 44-yardline. The Tigers rode the running of Todd Horstead and Dougie Pierson to a first down and goal at the Luverne 8, only to be backed up to the 20 after another penalty flag was thrown against Elba. A pass from Brandon Petty to Pierson went for six yards and moved Elba to the 14, while a late hit on the tackle moved the Tigers to the Luverne 7. A 6-yard gain on the next play left Elba inside the one, but the Tigers failed to punch it over, and saw the scoring opportunity fail to produce any points.

Elba got the ball right back at the Luverne 21-yardline after a short punt, and this time needed only four plays to get into endzone. A 10-yard run by Todd Horstead got the scoring drive started, while the touchdown came on a pass from Brandon Petty to Marcus Henderson. Dougie Pierson ran in the two-point conversion, and with 6:08 left in the game the Tigers were very much alive, trailing only 20-14.

Luverne began its ensuing possession at its own 30-yardline and stunned the Tigers by marching 70 yards in eight plays to extend its lead to 26-14.

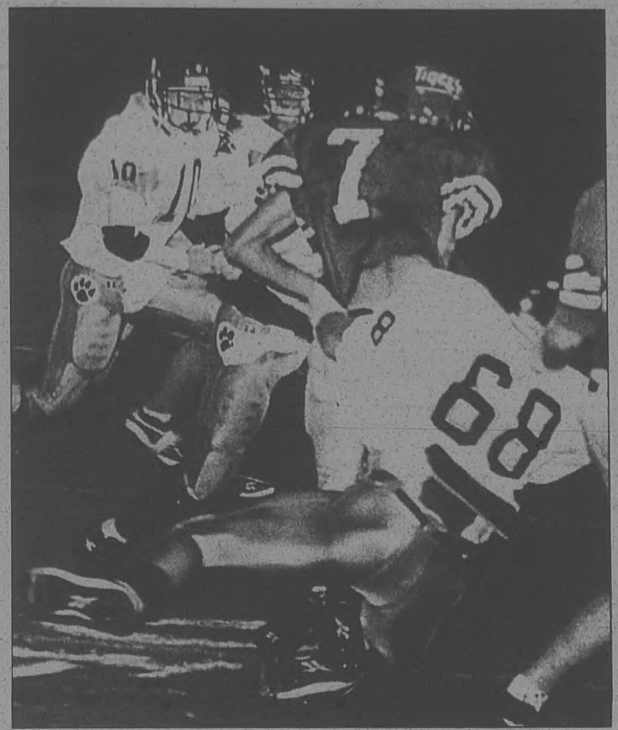
Luverne converted on a third down and six early in the drive at the Luverne 35, and later converted on a third down and nine at the Elba 34 to keep the drive alive, and the clock running. Luverne scored on a 5-yard run by Justin Moody, and while the two-point pass failed, Luverne was ahead 26-14 with only 2:22 remaining on the clock.

Elba moved the chains once on its next series, but failed to threaten, and at the final horn left the field with the scoreboard reading Luverne 26 Elba 14.

Todd Horstead gained 151 yards on 13 carries to lead Elba, while Dougie Pierson added 54 yards on 11 carries. Brandon Petty hit on 12 of 19 passes for 103 yards, with Marcus Henderson catching 2 passes for 32 yards and Kyle English pulling in 3 passes for 25 yards.

STATISTICS

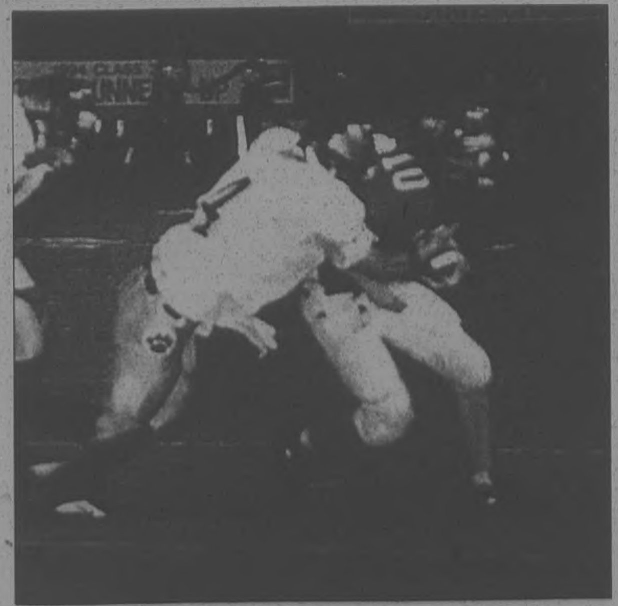
E		L
15	1st Downs	14
37-233	Rushes-Yds.	36-237
103	Passing Yds.	158
336	Total Offense	395
12-20-0	Passes	14-22-2
5/2	Fumbles/Lost	4/1
3-26	Punts-Ave.	3-36
8-72	Penalties-Yds.	15-124



ELBA DEFENSIVE END CHRIS BRYANT (68) drags down a Luverne runner for a short gain as help arrives. Among the Tigers closing in is Jason Curran (10).

TIGER HEAD COACH MIKE WATERS & ASSISTANT COACH JETEY WISE....talk with Tigers during a break in the action in last week's annual battle against Luverne.

TIGER DEFENSIVE BACK ZEL DANIELS (2) chases the Luverne quarterback out of the pocket with a heavy pass rush. The Tigers will host Opp Friday night looking to even their record at 2-2.



ELBA DEFENSIVE BACK KYLE ENGLISH (4) tackles a Luverne running back for a short gain. The Tigers spotted Luverne a 20-0 halftime lead before rallying to cut the lead to 20-14 late in the third quarter of last week's key Class 3A, Region 1 battle.

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ELBA JUNIOR VARSITY

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers hosted Opp on Monday afternoon and claimed a 15-0, 15-13 win. Leading servers were Ashley Gibson with 8, Kristen Barnes with 6 and Ashley Waddail with 6.

The Elba Junior Varsity Tigers traveled to Samson on Thursday and posted a 15-13, 15-3 win. Leading servers were Mallory Allen with 10, Ashley Waddail with 6 and Ashley Gibson with 5.

"It is wonderful to see this team as it plays its games," said Elba High volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades. " They really are on a roll."

ELBA VARSITY

The Elba Tiger Varsity hosted Opp on Monday and dropped a 5-15, 9-15 decision. Leading servers were Samantha Williams with 6 and Stacy Chism with 4.

The Elba Tiger Varsity traveled to Samson on Thursday and dropped a 4-15, 14-16 decision. Leading servers were Samantha Williams with 8 and Stacy Chism with 8.

"The Tigers played the last game with determination against Samson," said Elba High volleyball coach Amelia Rhoades. "I can see many good things taking place with our volleyball program at Elba High School. The teams are becoming very dedicated and they want to win."

All three Elba volleyball teams will swing back into action on Thursday, Sept. 20, when they host Andalusia at the Elba Tiger gym. The Junior Tigers will compete at 4:00, to be followed by the Junior Varsity at 5:00 and the Varsity at 6:00. The Elba Varsity Tigers will journey to Ozark on Saturday, Sept. 22, to compete in the Linda Rogers Memorial Tournament, while the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams will travel to Ariton on Monday, Sept. 24 and Opp on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Matches will begin at 4:30 and 5:30 at Ariton, and at 3:30 and 4:30 at Opp.

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SPORTS

Grab important region win

Kinston Bulldogs cage Purple Cats 49-6

Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders lead the team onto the field for last week's region clash against the Ariton Purple Cats. The Bulldogs will face another set of 'Cats this week when they travel to Florala to meet the Florala Wildcats.

By Tony Kelley, Sportswriter

The Kinston Bulldogs hosted the Ariton Purple Cats Friday night in their first home game of the season and came away with a big 49-6 win, in the first Region contest of the young season for both teams.

A moment of silence was observed at the beginning of the game in remembrance of the victims of Tuesday's horrible terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C., and the flag was flown at half staff. Many fans from both sides showed their patriotism by wearing red, white and blue.

Ariton received the opening kickoff, but after only four plays Kinston's Will Mack stepped in front of a Chris Logan pass to set the Bulldogs up at the Purple Cat 34-yardline. From there Kinston would waste little time getting on the scoreboard, with Ryan Anderson scoring the first points of the night on a 4-yard touchdown run. Donnie Sansom was perfect on extra points all night, and this one gave Kinston a 7-0 lead with 6:00 remaining in the first quarter.

Before the night was over, Anderson would score three more touchdowns, including one on an 80-yard scramble.

Kinston coach Gary Glass felt fortunate to have two outstanding backs and stated, "We could see they were keying on Patrick (Nelson) and I told Ryan he would have a big game tonight."

It was indeed a big night for Anderson as he gained 257 yards on 15 carries. Nelson gained 74 yards on 12 carries, while quarterback Cody Sansom completed 3 of 4 passes for 85 yards, one going for a 45-yard touchdown strike to Jim Bedsole. Sansom also scored on a 1-yard keeper late in the third quarter. For the game, the Bulldog offense amassed an awesome 492 yards of total offense!

Coach Glass was very pleased with his team's performance and added, "Our blocking has improved a lot from last year. The guys are staying with their blocks down the field."

Also scoring for the Bulldogs was Lee Whigham, getting in from 21 yards out to put Kinston on top 49-0 with 2:06 left in the third quarter.

The Kinston defense was stingy and allowed only one score, with that coming late in the fourth quarter. The Ariton touchdown came when T.R. Oliver bulled over from 3 yards out. The extra-point was blocked, and at the horn Kinston had the win 49-6.

Oliver led the Purple Cats with 128 yards on 19 carries.

Kinston will travel to Florala Friday night for a 7:30 PM clash with the Florala Wildcats.

Kinston's Ryan Anderson (1) heads upfield for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 49-6 romp past Ariton. Anderson gained 257 yards and scored 4 touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs to the big region win.

New Brockton head football coach Shannon Clark is intense as he meets with his players during a time-out in Friday night's 13-12 loss to Wicksburg. The Gamecocks will travel to Cottonwood this week to battle the Bears.

Gamecocks drop region battle to Wicksburg Panthers 13-12

By Michael Jerkins and Daniel Roberts

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their chance to grab an early lead in the Region race slip away Friday night as a late field-goal try sailed inches wide and allowed the Wicksburg Panthers to leave town with a 13-12 win.

The loss left the Gamecocks with a 1-2 record, 0-1 in Region play, while Wicksburg upped its slate to 1-2, 1-0 in Region action.

New Brockton couldn't get its offense in gear on its first two possessions, but the Gamecocks got a break midway through the second quarter when Branden Owens recovered a Wicksburg fumble and returned it to midfield.

New Brockton took advantage of the turnover and grabbed the early lead when Joseph Sawyer lofted an 18-yard scoring strike to Tyler Simmons. The extra-point try failed, but with 3:09 left in the half New Brockton had the lead at 6-0.

Wicksburg received the second half kickoff and wasted no time getting into the endzone as on the first play of the half Jason Dawkins broke loose and raced 69 yards for a touchdown. The Panthers tacked on the extra-point, and with 11:31 remaining in the third quarter Wicksburg had its first lead at 7-6.

The New Brockton defense got its second turnover of the game late in the third stanza on a fumble recovery by Jody McCormick, and the Gamecock offense again cashed in on the turnover when Joseph Sawyer tossed a 20-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Simmons. A two-point attempt failed to reach the endzone; however, and with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter New Brockton was back on top 12-7.

New Brockton held on to the lead until midway through the fourth quarter, when the Panthers' Jason Dawkins again broke loose and this time dashed 12 yards for a score. The extra-point try failed, and with 3:08 left on the clock Wicksburg was on top 13-12.

New Brockton's Ray Magwood returned the ensuing kickoff 46 yards to set the Gamecocks up at the Wicksburg 44-yardline, and New Brockton slowly marched toward the Panther endzone as clock ticked down. The Gamecocks reached the Wicksburg 8-yardline, and Jeremy Meeks came in to attempt a 25-yard field-goal. The kick appeared to be successful to the Gamecock players and their fans. However, the officials came out from under the goal posts and waved the kick off as wide left, and Wicksburg ran out the clock to claim the 13-12 win.

Tyler Simmons gained 112 yards on 14 carries and caught 3 passes for 43 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead the New Brockton offense, while Ray Magwood added 68 yards on 20 totes. Jason Dawkins gained 197 yards on 19 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Wicksburg.

Daniel Hernandez led the Gamecock defense with 6 tackles, while Tyler Simmons had 4 tackles, and Joseph Sawyer and Branden Owens both had 2 tackles and 1 sack.

The Gamecocks will travel to Cottonwood Friday night to battle the Cottonwood Bears in a key Class 2A, region clash. Kickoff will be at 7:30 PM.

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Zion Chapel Rebels blanked by Pleasant Home 35-0

By Chris Winters and Randy Winters, Sportswriters

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their victory drought reach three games Friday night with a 35-0 defeat at the hands of the Pleasant Home Eagles, in Pleasant Home.

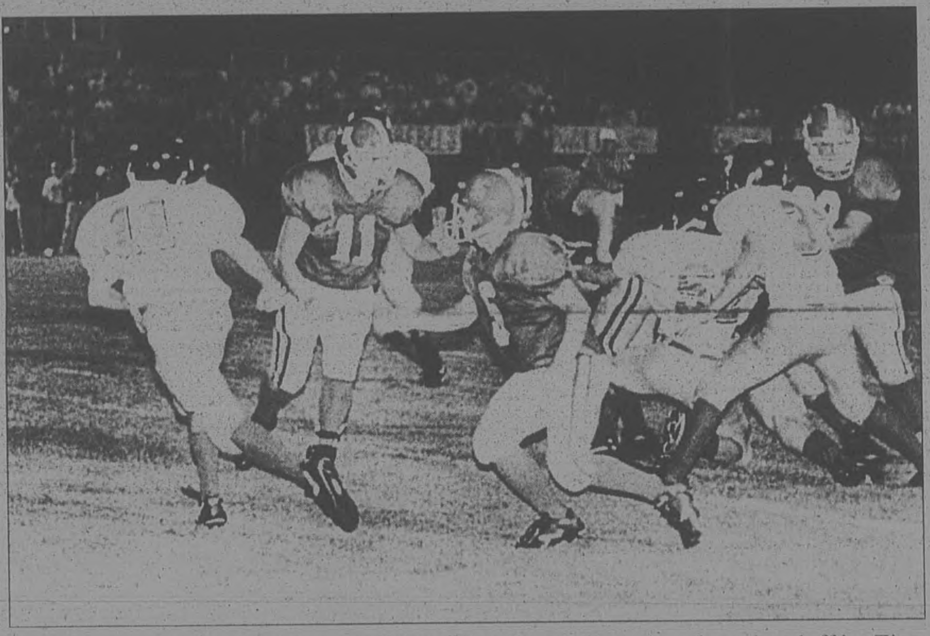
The loss dropped the Rebels' record to 0-3, 0-1 in Region action, while the Eagles improved to 3-0 with the win, 1-0 in Region competition.

Pleasant Home grabbed an early 7-0 lead on a 4-yard touchdown dash by Levi Cotton, and continued to ride the legs of the 180-pound senior as he added touchdown runs of 16, 8 and 7 yards to lead the Eagles to the win. The only other Eagle to score was Travis Fleace, who pulled in a 13-yard scoring pass.

Josh Smith gained 33 yards on 4 carries to lead Zion Chapel, while Heath Killingsworth added 32 yards on 14 carries. Levi Cotton led Pleasant Home with 119 yards on 17 carries.

STATISTICS

ZC		PH
7	1st Downs	14
89	Rushing Yds.	193
40	Passing Yds.	65
129	Total Offense	258
3-10-1	Passes	8-12-1
3/1	Fumbles/Lost	1/0
1-35	Punts-Ave.	0-00
43	Penalty Yds.	20



Two Pleasant Home defenders are left looking for a ball carrier after a handoff by Zion Chapel quarterback **Wesley Grant (11)**. The Rebels saw their record slip to 0-3 with the 35-0 loss to the Eagles in an important Class 1A, region battle.

Elba Termite Tigers open season with 32-0 win over Opp

The Elba Termite Tigers opened their season Saturday night in Opp and posted a big 32-0 win. Gavin Flowers scored 4 touchdowns and Richard Cooks added 1 touchdown to lead Elba, while Steven Bryant scored on a two-point conversion. Brandon Byrd made 4 tackles and Michael Spurlin had 3 sacks to lead the defense.

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Junior High Rebels off to fast 2-0 start

The Zion Chapel Junior High Rebels are off to a quick 2-0 record this season after opening the football season with wins over G.W. Long 8-6 and Ariton 8-0.

ZION CHAPEL 8
G.W. LONG 6

The Junior Rebels opened the season with an exciting 8-6 win over G.W. Long. Zion Chapel scored with :52 left in the second quarter on a 1-yard run by Heath Killingsworth, with Killingsworth adding the two-point conversion. The score was set up by a 40-yard pass completion from Josh Smith to Austin Smith. G.W. Long scored on its initial possession of the third quarter, but missed its two-point conversion. Zion Chapel wrapped up the win when Josh Smith intercepted a Long pass at the Zion Chapel 1-yardline on the final play of the game. Zion Chapel rushed for 57 yards on 28 carries in the win and rolled up 65 yards in total offense.

ZION CHAPEL 8
ARITON 0

The Junior Rebels held Ariton to minus 44 yards in total offense and scored in the third quarter to post an 8-0 win over the Junior Purple Cats. Josh Smith scored the Zion Chapel touchdown on a 10-yard run, while Randy Hardy ran in with the two-point conversion. The Rebels recorded 7 first downs in the game, while Ariton failed to make a first down.

Rebel fullback Michael Rayburn (33) drags a Pleasant Home tackler for extra yardage in Zion Chapel's region clash with the Eagles.

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SPORTS

Drops key region clash

Brantley falls to G.W. Long 17-3

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

The Brantley Bulldogs suffered their second loss of the young season Friday night as the G.W. Long Rebels posted a 17-3 victory to spoil Brantley's homecoming and hand the Bulldogs a rare Region defeat.

After an exchange of punts to open the game, G.W. Long drove close enough to the Brantley endzone for a 32-yard field-goal attempt by the Rebels' Ben Woods. The field-goal try split the uprights, and with 4:15 left in the first quarter G.W. Long was on top 3-0.

Both defensive units dominated the remainder of the first half, with neither team being able to put any points on the scoreboard. Michael Mitchell claimed a fumble recovery for the Bulldogs, while Cedric Brundidge intercepted a Jeff Williams pass to help Brantley turn back any and all Rebel threats.

The initial five possessions of the second half all ended with punts, with Brantley taking advantage of a short G.W. Long punt to begin a series at the Rebel 45-yardline.

Devaris Skanes ran for one first down before Channing Spivey hit Terrell Burnett for a 35-yard gain that gave the Bulldogs a first and goal at the G.W. Long 5. The next three running plays netted only one yard; however, and Cedric Jones came in and booted a 21-yard field-goal to pull the Bulldogs even at 3-3 with 10:45 remaining in the game.

G.W. Long received the ensuing kickoff and marched 62 yards in only seven plays to regain the lead. Jeff Williams went around the right end for the final 26 yards and the touchdown, and Woods tacked on the extra-point, as G.W. Long went on top 10-3 with 7:14 left on the clock.

The Rebels' Josh Smith recovered a Bulldog bobble at the Brantley 38-yardline on Brantley's next series, and this time the Rebels used nine plays to cover the 38 yards to the endzone. Jeff Williams crossed the goalline on a 5-yard dash, and Woods added the extra-point, to put G.W. Long in command with a 17-3 lead.

Brantley moved the chains twice on their final possession of the night, but fell far short of the endzone, as the Bulldogs saw their record slip to 1-2 with the 17-3 defeat.

The Bulldogs running game was led by Devaris Skanes with 73 yards on 23 carries, while Channing Spivey completed 5 of 14 passes for 79 yards. Jeff Williams led the Long offense with 118 yards on 19 carries.

Brantley will hit the road this week for a Saturday night battle against the Southern Choctaw Indians, in Silas. Kickoff for the Saturday night game will be 7:00 PM.

STATISTICS

B		L
9	1st Downs	10
33-64	Rushes-Yds.	41-209
79	Passing Yds.	0
143	Total Offense	209
5-14-0	Passes	0-4-1
66	Return Yds.	2
3-30	Penalties-Yds.	4-30
8-31	Punts-Ave.	5-34

Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey (15) rolls out behind teammate **Sergio Burnett (69)** and looks to pass. The Bulldogs will travel to Silas Saturday night for a 7:00 PM clash with Southern Choctaw.

BRANTLEY HOMECOMING QUEEN COCO MITCHELL AND HER COURT....ruled over festivities at Friday night's Brantley-G.W. Long football game. Members of the court included Football Sweethearts Tierra McClain and Jessica Weaver, Freshman attendant Laken Dean, Sophomore attendant Jerri Bryan, Junior attendant Morgan Bush and Senior attendant Kayla Holmes.

FISHING SPOTLIGHT

CATCH OF THE DAY...These two friends Danny and Shawn (left) enjoyed the day fishing at Acie Lowry's private catfish farm, located on 87 North. They caught a total of 17 catfish. The estimated total weight was about 72 pounds.

Little Enrique (below), who is 9 1/2 months old, wanted to take credit for the big catch.

His parents are Ricky and Adela Duncan of Elba.

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In Roadrunner Feature action

Todd Boswell claims checkered flag in racing at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chisum

The season was going just fine with Doug Rogers. Until July, that is. Rogers had scored nine wins in the IMCA Modified class at South Alabama Speedway through June. Then things turned around, for the worse. July and August were more about wrecks, flat tires, and no wins. Rogers seemed to get back on track last week, finishing a close second to Jamie Ater. On Saturday night, Sept. 8, he completed the turn around, winning his tenth feature of the year.

Ater took the early lead with Maylon Palmer, Jeff Rudd, and Tom Galbreath in hot pursuit. Rogers, starting seventh, made a couple of early passes, but got a big break when Palmer, Rudd, and Galbreath got together in turn two on lap seven. All three were able to continue, but had to restart in the rear. Rogers was elevated to second place and took the lead just two laps after the restart. Ater was able to hold on to second spot. Rudd, winner of 18 features in 2000, was making his first start of the season, and finished third. Galbreath and Kevin Peel were fourth and fifth.

Royce Johnston took the lead from Ed Baker on lap four and went on to win his seventh Late Model Feature of the year. Baker finished a distant second. The next three finishers, Derris Bell, Keith Mack, and Tim Lynn returned to SAS after some time off. Bell made his first start since June and finished third. Mack and Lynn, both making their first start of 2001, finished fourth and fifth.

In Super Stock, it's been a familiar story recently. Jody Henderson coming from the back to take the win. Saturday night, Henderson started 13th, but blasted through the field, taking the lead on lap eight. Henderson then pulled away for his sixth straight win and 11th overall. Early leader Bill Brown held off Charles Davis for second. David Ashley was fourth, with Jerry Weatherington fifth.

In Super Street, Edward Berry came back from an early spin to capture his first win of the year. Berry took the lead on the second lap, but spun after contact with the second place car of Jeff Smith. Both went to the rear for the restart. Berry was able to come back to the front, but Smith retired to the pits for the night five laps later. Berry retook the lead for good on lap 18, getting inside of Harold Hurt. Hurt was able to hold on to second followed by Truss Bethea, who was making his first start at SAS. Paul Adams placed fourth in his first start at SAS, while Scott Whitehead was fifth.

In an exciting Street Stock Feature, Scott Spivey took the lead from Brian Martin when Martin had to pit with just two laps to go. Martin took the lead at the start and had held off Spivey's challenges all race. Martin's exhaust came loose about mid way through the feature. When it finally dropped off, it cut his right rear tire. After a lap 18 caution, Martin dove into the pits as the field was about to get the restart. Spivey took over and held off Jody Henderson for the win. Timbo Kendrick beat brother Jason Kendrick back to the line for third. Blake Streetman finished fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Todd Boswell took the lead from David Hattaway on lap 10 to take the win. Hattaway held on to second ahead of Sam Smith. Ricky Osborne was fourth and Jason Singletary fifth.

In the Mini Sportsman Series Feature, Bobby Fountain took the win over Mike Wolfe. Fountain took the lead from Wolfe on lap 14, the final of four lead changes. Kelly Spivey was third ahead of B.J. Fountain and Greg Adams.

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Results

Late Model
1. Royce Johnston
2. Ed Baker
3. Derris Bell
4. Keith Mack
5. Tim Lynn

Super Stock
1. Jody Henderson
2. Bill Brown
3. Charles Davis
4. David Ashley
5. Jerry Weatherington

IMCA Modified
1. Doug Rogers
2. Jamie Ater
3. Jeff Rudd
4. Tom Galbreath
5. Kevin Peel

Super Street
1. Edward Berry
2. Harold Hurt
3. Truss Bethea
4. Paul Adams
5. Scott Whitehead

Street Stock
1. Scott Spivey
2. Jody Henderson
3. Timbo Kendrick
4. Jason Hendrick
5. Blake Streetman

Roadrunner
1. Todd Boswell
2. David Hattaway
3. Sam Smith
4. Ricky Osborne
5. Jason Singletary

Mini Sportsman
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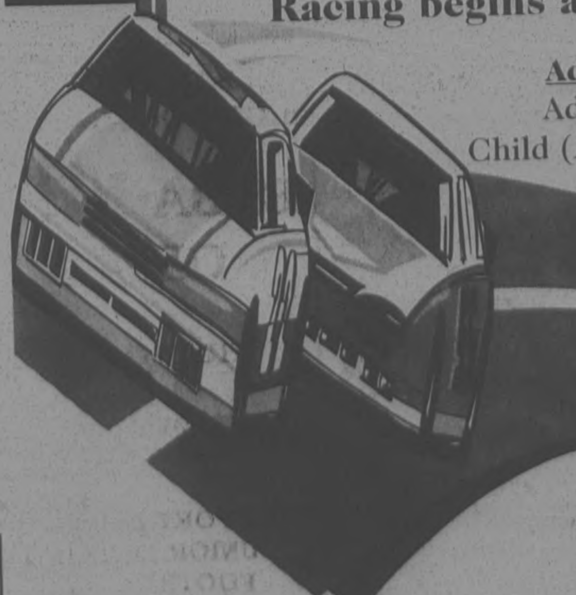

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

TSU plans annual Band Day for September 22

Troy State University's Sound of the South Marching Band will join forces with 23 high school bands from around the region Saturday, Sept. 22, to create one of the largest halftime shows in the history of Troy State University football.

The occasion is the band program's third annual Band Day, according to Ralph Ford, Director of Bands at TSU.

"We'll have about 1,500 people performing on the field at one time," Ford said. "This is a great opportunity for the students in these bands to see what it's like to perform with a university marching band."

The combined bands will perform Ford's arrangement of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "My Home's in Alabama," as well as the Trojan Fight Song.

The bands will perform at halftime of the Troy State-Nicholls State University football game. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at Richard M. Scrushy Field at Memorial Stadium.

Schools scheduled to participate in TSU Band Day are: Autaugaville High School, Florala High School, Malone (Fla.) High School, Miller County (Ga.) High School, James A. Shanks High School of Quincy, Fla., Geneva High School, Thomasville High School, Luverne High School, Slocomb High School, Zion Chapel High School, W.S. Neal High School of East Brewton, Cottondale (Fla.) High School, Stanhope Elmore High School of Millbrook, Charles Henderson High School and Charles Henderson Middle School of Troy, Wetumpka High School, Samson High School, Highland Home High School, Tallassee High School, Goshen High School, Dale County High School, Monroe Academy and Monroe County High School.

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Elba City Council makes it official

Elba Police Chief withdraws resignation

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council meeting opened Monday evening with the official announcement that Police Chief R. W. Whitworth had withdrawn his written resignation. Mayor James Grimes explained that Whitworth had met with the council members during the recent (publicly announced) budget work session and agreed to continue his duties.

The council officially approved the budget for the year 2001-2002 as it was presented at the last council meeting and detailed in this newspaper two weeks ago. This budget calls for a $105,000 increase in revenue, largely in transfers from the Elba Water and Electric Board.

A new detailed pay scale for city employees was adopted. This change is designed to give incentive to employees who excel in their job performance, take job related training courses and set positive examples of the City to visitors and other employees. It includes a maximum of 210 steps from the beginning Category of a G1 at Step 1 to a G14 at Step 15. The pay scale adopted also includes pay ranges for various positions within the city government. Council member Ronnie Hammond voted against the proposal and later declined to comment on his reasons for the negative vote.

The council adopted a group of five amendments to city ordinances dealing with the sewer system. The changes increase the basic charge for a new sewer tap and sewer deposits plus spelling out the penalty for late and/or non-payment of fees. the new charges are effective on October 1st. Mayor Grimes presented data showing the amount of fees written off, compared to deposits and in one month the write off for sewer and garbage pick up was $534 and the total deposits from those customers was $55. Two other months showed similar deficits.

The council also adopted a resolution dealing with the float loan from the State of Alabama for Dorsey Trailers. This spells out the management fees for the loan, payable to SEAla Regional Development. The management fees will be part of the loan cost and will not be an expense to the City of Elba.

A review of the financial statement by Mayor Grimes showed revenue for the first eleven months of the fiscal year down by about $32,000 and is due to receiving no previously budgeted funds from SEAla Gas this year and a drop in expected sales tax receipts. Along with the drop in revenue, the mayor reported expenditures were $24,000 under budget, due to a continuing effort by city employees to curtail costs.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the major sewer project is completed except for some warranty work in several places around town.

An update to traffic ordinances was presented at the recommendation of City Attorney Jeff Kelley, but was not considered when two council members, Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond voted against suspending the rules to allow immediate consideration. The ordinance will be on the agenda for the next regular meeting and will only need a majority vote to pass.

The council accepted the recommendation of Mayor Grimes and appointed Jr. Culver to the South Central Mental Health Board. Other members from Elba include Gerald Tucker and Nell Gilmer.

Attorney Kelley told the council members the property appraiser has the first 30 appraisals ready in the levee project. These parcels of land are all outside the levee. Kelley said he would be getting with these property owners within the next few days.

ELBA'S LARGEST BONFIRE...Dorsey Trailers helped the Elba High School football players, cheer leaders, band, students and supporters prepare for the first home game of the season last Thursday evening, Sept. 20, when the local business sponsored what was deemed "Elba's largest bonfire." There was a huge crowd onhand as most seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event. As indicated in the above photo, it was indeed a bonfire to remember as the flames weren't the only thing flying high. Community spirit led the way as Dorsey's new owners showed that they want to be and are a part of this community. For more highlights from the Thursday evening bonfire, please see Page 16.

Coffee County Commission revisits motion

Sheriff's department employees get additional raise

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The insistence of a couple of commissioners during a regular bimonthly meeting of the commission led the Coffee County Commission to a different conclusion Monday morning, Sept. 24, concerning an item that had been voted against at the last meeting.

During the Sept. 10 meeting of the commission, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that the projected $31,000 generated for the county through increased jail fees to municipalities be distributed among all employees of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Jail as an extra raise along with the 2-step raise approved by the commission in the FY2002 budget for all county employees.

> **"My protection, your protection is not based on other counties, it's based on what these gentlemen (sheriff's deputies) do in our county."**
> **-- Bernest Brooks**

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners voted down Stephens' motion at that meeting.

However, Monday morning, Sept. 24, Commissioner Kayo Lewis revisited the idea when he acknowledged that he had let his emotions get in the way of his vote at the previous meeting and said he would vote in favor of the motion if it were brought before the commission again.

Since Stephens' motion was voted down at the previous meeting, he could not bring the motion before the commission again, but Commissioner Bernest Brooks felt the same as Lewis.

"I feel the defeated motion should be brought back before us," said Brooks. "I think we should consider their (sheriff's department) request."

At the request of the commission, County Administrator Wilson Mobley read the motion made by Stephens' during the Sept. 10 meeting.

At that point, Brooks said he would like to make the motion again and Lewis provided the second.

Before voting on the matter, Commission Chairperson Linda Westbrook asked if there was any discussion, and the commissioners wasted no time in entering the discussion phase.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple immediately began citing starting salary rates for sheriff's department employees in surrounding counties.

"I think we are in line with our deputies' pay," said Dalrymple. "Pike County is the only one above us on starting pay."

Westbrook then made a motion that the matter be tabled so the commissioners would have additional time to discuss the matter. The motion died as it failed to receive a second.

"My protection, your protection is not based on other counties, it's based on what these gentlemen do in our county," said Brooks. "I think these people need to be paid and you get what you pay for."

Commissioner Jim Thompson said his only problem with giving the sheriff's department employees the additional raise is that the county cannot give every county employee the additional raise.

Commissioner Lewis responded to Thompson's concern by saying that the projected $31,000 is money that the sheriff's department employees got for the county by going to the municipalities and asking them to agree to pay an additional $5 for the housing of inmates at the county jail. Lewis said the county would not have this money if it were not for the sheriff's department employees, and he felt they should get it.

The motion passed with Commissioners Westbrook, Stephens, Lewis and Brooks voting in favor. Commissioners Dalrymple, Thompson and Tom Grimsley voted against it.

The estimated increase in salary for all sheriff's department and jail employees will be a little over $0.30. This is in addition to the 2-step raise approved by the commission for every county employee in the FY2002 budget.

Immediately after passing Brooks' motion, Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion that the county increase every employee's salary at the same amount as the sheriff's department and jail employees.

The motion received a second by Commissioner Grimsley.

As the discussion began on this matter, Grimsley said although he had provided the second to Dalrymple's motion, he would not be able to vote in favor of it.

After crunching some figures, Mobley said it would cost the commission approximately $94,000 to give every county employee the same raise as the sheriff's department and jail employees.

Dalrymple's motion failed with a 6-1 vote against it.

"I think we've gone overboard to help the sheriff's

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Daughter of Dorsey CEO visits Elba

Street provides eyewitness details to terrorist attacks

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Melissa Street, daughter of Dorsey CEO Chriss Street, was an eye witness to the terror of September 11th in New York.

She works for John Wiley & Sons, publishers, several blocks from the site of the World Trade Center, but close enough to be worried.

Last week, while visiting with her dad in Elba, she related some of her feelings from that day.

Melissa was going upstairs to a 10th floor meeting room when the first plane hit. As she entered the meeting room there were about 30 people already there and they were crowded against the large plate glass window looking South at the towers and the accompanying fire and billowing smoke. That is where they were when the second plane hit the trade towers. She explained, "This smoke ball was black and ten times bigger!"

There were no televisions in the building and only a couple of portable radios, so they could get very little first hand information without going downstairs and out to a nearby bank, which had a large TV visible from the sidewalk. However, many people were crowded around this one, making it hard to get a glimpse of what was happening. Locally the radio stations were only able to report the rumors they were receiving and this added to the fear and uncertainty of the watching citizens. False rumors continued to fly around all morning, including stories of attacks on the White House and a Navy ship near New York being hit, etc."

"People were running around not knowing what to do. Some were crying more and more as the rumors continued and accelerated. I hesitated to go home to my apartment because of a feeling that I needed to be around people I knew and not alone in my apartment", she said.

"I was worrying about some close friends of mine who worked in the World Trade Center. There was no way to get into contact with them. The phone system was jammed and/or out of order. Ironically I could call my parents in California, but they couldn't call me in New York. My dad advised me to buy some food and water and go to my apart

Melissa Street

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Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Friday, Sept. 28, the Elba Tigers will be at home against Flomaton, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Hartford to take on Geneva County, the Kinston Bulldogs and Brantley Bulldogs will tangle in Brantley and the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Skipperville to battle G.W. Long. Kickoff for the Zion Chapel-GW Long game will be 7 p.m., and kickoff for all other games will be 7:30 p.m.

CHAMBER BANQUET The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold it's annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 27(TONIGHT), at 6:30 p.m. in the Elba High School commons area. Dress for the event will be casual.

LIBRARY CANNED FOOD DRIVE The Elba Public Library is having a canned food drive Oct. 1-13 for the Wiregrass Food Bank. Pay overdue fines by bringing canned foods to the library. Three cans of food will pay off $5 in overdue fees.

WILDLIFE MEETING The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, announces a countywide public meeting for Coffee County on Friday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. in the New Brockton Farm Services Center. Wildlife biologist, fisheries biologist and conservation enforcement officers from the Division will be on-hand to discuss current programs, take questions and hear concerns.

Elba High School receives grant to plant Alabama wildflowers and trees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Governor Don Siegelman put the check in the mail Tuesday, Sept. 25, as he announced that a check for $1,000 had been sent to the Elba City Board of Education to plant wildflowers and Alabama trees.

Elba High School was selected to receive the award based upon an application submitted by the school, and Elba City Schools Superintendent Danny Weeks said the money will be distributed to the AgriScience department at the high school.

"They (ag students) will be planting wildflowers around the school to help beautify the campus and help the erosion problem," Weeks said. "We want our campus to be beautiful and this is just one way to do that."

In a letter to Weeks, Siegelman said he was delighted to see the school "participating in this valuable new environmental and quality of life educational program."

Siegelman said the grant funds may only be used for a project involving students planting wildflowers and/or trees native to Alabama.

The new grant program was announced by the governor at an Earth Day celebration last spring in Birmingham, and all

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